

*The Indian Marine Act, 1887.**(Chapter II.—Offences and Punishments.—Sections 39-40. Chapter III.—Jurisdiction and Powers.—Sections 41-43.)*

(5) A sentence of dismissal with disgrace may in any case be accompanied by a sentence of imprisonment.

(6) Except as otherwise provided by this Act, a sentence of imprisonment passed otherwise than under clause (2) of this section may extend to two years.

(7) A sentence of imprisonment may be accompanied by a direction that the imprisonment shall be rigorous for the whole or any part of the term thereof.

(8) When a sentence of imprisonment is passed on a warrant-officer or petty officer or any other person below that rank, it may be accompanied by a direction disrating the officer or person.

(9) A sentence of imprisonment shall in all cases be accompanied by forfeiture of pay and allowances during the imprisonment.

39. Subject to the foregoing regulations and the other provisions of this Act, where any punishment is specified by this Act as the penalty for an offence, and it is further declared that another punishment may be awarded in respect of the same offence, the expression "other punishment" shall be deemed to comprise any one or more of the punishments inferior in degree to the specified punishment according to the scale set forth in section 37.

40. No person, unless he is an offender who has avoided arrest or fled from justice, shall be tried or punished in pursuance of this Act for any offence committed by him unless the trial takes place within three years from the commission of the offence, or within one year after the return of the offender to British India when he has been absent from British India during that period of three years.

## CHAPTER III.

## JURISDICTION AND POWERS.

41. Subject to the provisions of this Act and, as respects Criminal Courts, subject to the law relating to criminal procedure for the time being applicable to those Courts, Criminal Courts and Indian Marine Courts or both shall have jurisdiction in respect of the offences punishable under this Act as specified in the following table:

Section of this Act.	Marginal note.	Courts having jurisdiction.
Section 5	Misconduct of commanding officer in action.	Criminal Courts and Indian Marine Courts.
" 6	Not pursuing the enemy or not assisting a friend in view.	
" 7	Delaying or discouraging action or service or deserting post or sleeping on watch.	
" 8	Misconduct of subordinate officers and men in action.	
" 9	Corresponding, &c., with the enemy.	Indian Marine Courts.
" 10	Improper communication with the enemy.	
" 11	Neglect of duty.	Indian Marine Courts.

Section of this Act.	Marginal note.	Courts having jurisdiction.
Section 12	Mutiny accompanied by violence.	Criminal Courts and Indian Marine Courts.
" 13	Mutiny not accompanied by violence.	
" 14	Inciting to mutiny.	
" 15	Mutinous assembly or uttering seditious words.	
" 16	Concealing traitorous, mutinous or seditious practice, design or words.	Indian Marine Courts.
" 17	Striking or using violence to superior officer.	
" 18	Disobedience or using threatening language to superior officer.	Criminal Courts and Indian Marine Courts.
" 19	Desertion.	
" 20	Inducing any person to desert.	Indian Marine Courts.
" 21	Breaking out of vessel.	
" 22	Absence without leave.	
" 23	Drunkenness on boardship or on duty.	
" 24	Cruelty or misconduct by officer.	Criminal Courts and Indian Marine Courts.
" 25	Suffering vessel to be lost or imperilled.	
" 26	Unlawful taking of goods on board.	Criminal Courts and Indian Marine Courts.
" 27	Embezzling public stores.	
" 28	Arson.	Indian Marine Courts.
" 29	Making false documents.	
" 30	Malingering or misconduct in hospital.	Criminal Courts and Indian Marine Courts.
" 31	Creating disturbance on account of complaints.	
" 32	Offences to the prejudice of good order and discipline not otherwise specified.	Criminal Courts and Indian Marine Courts.
" 33	Not assisting in arresting offenders.	
" 34	Contempt of Court.	Criminal Courts.
" 35	False evidence.	
" 36	Offences punishable by ordinary law.	Criminal Courts.

Power to pass sentences.

42. Subject as aforesaid—

(a) a Criminal Court may pass a sentence of death, penal servitude, transportation or imprisonment; and

(b) an Indian Marine Court may pass any sentence authorised by this Act except a sentence of death, penal servitude or transportation or of imprisonment for a term exceeding two years.

43. (1) An offence triable by an Indian Marine Court and committed by a person other than a gazetted officer may, under such regulations as the Governor-General in Council may make, be summarily tried and punished by the commanding officer of the offender.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act and to such restrictions as the Governor-General in Council may impose, a commanding officer may pass a sentence of imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months on an offender below the position of petty officer, and may disrate any warrant-officer or petty officer or any other person below that rank.



*The Indian Marine Act, 1887.*  
*(Chapter III.—Jurisdiction and Powers.—Sections 44-51.*  
*Chapter IV.—Indian Marine Courts.—Sections 52-53.)*

44. A person subject to this Act who is accused of an offence to which this Act applies may be tried and punished for the offence by a Criminal Court in any place where he may happen to be in the same manner as if the offence had been committed in that place.

45. Where such an offence has been committed by any person while subject to this Act, he may be taken into custody and be tried and punished for the offence, although he has ceased to be subject to this Act, in like manner as he might have been taken into custody and tried and punished if he had continued to be so subject.

46. When a person subject to this Act is accused of an offence in respect of which a Criminal Court has jurisdiction over him under this Act or otherwise, the following rules shall apply, namely:

(a) any person subject to this Act shall, on application made to him by the Court, assist in arresting and securing the accused, and the commanding officer shall, if so required by the Court, deliver the accused to the Court;

(b) when no requisition is made under clause (a), the commanding officer may, if he thinks fit, place the accused in custody with a view to delivering him up to such Criminal Court as appears to him most convenient in all the circumstances of the case.

47. When a person subject to this Act is accused of an offence in respect of which an Indian Marine Court or a commanding officer has jurisdiction under this Act, and that person is within the jurisdiction of any civil, political or police officer, that officer shall, upon an application to that effect made to him by the commanding officer of that person or any prescribed authority, aid in the arrest of the person and deliver him when arrested into such custody as the commanding officer or the prescribed authority may require.

48. When an Indian Marine Court or commanding officer under this Act, and a Criminal Court under this Act or otherwise, have concurrent jurisdiction in respect of an offence, and there is a difference of opinion as to the tribunal before which the person accused of the offence should be proceeded against, either tribunal shall, on the requisition of the other, stay proceedings pending a reference to the Governor-General in Council, whose order as to the tribunal before which the proceedings are to be had shall be final.

49. An offender shall not be tried by an Indian Marine Court or by his commanding officer for any offence of which he has been convicted or acquitted by a Criminal Court or an Indian Marine Court or, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 43, by his commanding officer.

50. Where a person liable to be tried by an Indian Marine Court under this Act is in confinement in pursuance of a sentence of a Criminal Court, the

Director of Marine or other prescribed authority may make an order in the form in Schedule B to the Prisoners' Testimony Act, 1869, directed to the officer in charge of the place in which the person is confined, and the provisions of that Act with respect to compliance with any order made thereunder shall, so far as they can be made applicable, apply in the case of any order made under this section.

51. The Governor-General in Council may suspend, annul or modify any sentence passed by an Indian Marine Court or a commanding officer under this Act, or substitute a punishment inferior in degree for the punishment involved in any such sentence, or remit the whole or any portion of the punishment involved in any such sentence, or remit the whole or any portion of any punishment into which the punishment involved in any such sentence has been commuted; and any sentence so modified shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, be valid, and shall be carried into execution as if it had been originally passed with such modification by the Court or officer, but so that the punishment involved in any sentence be not increased by any such modification.

#### CHAPTER IV.

##### INDIAN MARINE COURTS.

##### *Constitution of the Court.*

52. (1) The following authorities shall have power to convene power to convene Indian Marine Courts, namely:

- (a) the Governor-General in Council;
- (b) the Director of Marine;
- (c) an officer empowered in that behalf by warrant of the Governor-General in Council:

Provided that an Indian Marine Court assembled for the trial of a gazetted officer shall be convened only by, or with the previous sanction of, the Governor-General in Council.

(2) When a ship or ships is or are detached on separate service, and when immediate example is necessary, and without detriment to the public service reference cannot be made to superior authority, the officer in command of the ship or ships may, without warrant, convene an Indian Marine Court for the trial of any person under his command being subject to this Act and below the rank of a gazetted officer.

53. (1) An Indian Marine Court shall consist of a president and not less than two or more than four other members of rank not inferior to that of a first grade officer, as may be ordered by the convening authority:

Provided that an Indian Marine Court convened under section 52, sub-section (2), may be composed of the officer convening the same as president and the two graded officers next in seniority available for the duty.



*The Indian Marine Act, 1887.**(Chapter IV.—Indian Marine Courts.—Sections 54-63.)*

(2) The president of an Indian Marine Court for the trial of a commander shall always be a commander, and two at least of the other officers composing the Court shall be commanders.

(3) The president of an Indian Marine Court for the trial of any person below the grade of commander, except an Indian Marine Court convened under section 52, sub-section (2), shall be a commander.

(4) A person acting as prosecutor shall not be a member of the Court.

(5) An officer convening an Indian Marine Court shall not sit thereon except as permitted by the proviso to sub-section (1).

(6) The president and the other members of every Indian Marine Court shall be named by the authority convening the same.

(7) When an Indian Marine Court, after the commencement of the trial, is reduced to a less number than three members, it shall be deemed to be dissolved.

(8) In the case of the death or unavoidable absence of the president of an Indian Marine Court, the next senior member of the Court, if qualified under sub-section (2) or sub-section (3), as the case may be, shall take the place of the president without special appointment as such.

(9) If such next senior member is not qualified as aforesaid, the Court shall be deemed to be dissolved.

*Procedure at the Trial.*

54. An Indian Marine Court shall be held on board one of Her Majesty's Indian Marine vessels or on land.

55. As soon as an Indian Marine Court is assembled, the names of the members of the Court shall be read over to the prisoner, who shall be asked if he objects to being tried by any of them; if the prisoner objects to any member, the objection shall be decided by the Court; if the objection is allowed, the place of the member objected to shall be filled up by the officer next in seniority available for the duty who is not on the Court, subject to the regulations contained in section 53, sub-sections (2), (3), (4) and (5):

Provided that where the Court is composed as in the proviso to section 53, sub-section (1), and no officer qualified under that section is available to take the place of the officer objected to, the Court shall, after recording the objection, proceed with the trial in like manner as if the objection had been disallowed.

56. (1) Before an Indian Marine Court proceeds to try a prisoner, an oath shall be made by every member of the Court in the prescribed manner.

(2) An oath shall be made in the prescribed manner by any person who gives evidence or acts as an interpreter before an Indian Marine Court.

57. When no specific charge is made against any person subject to this Act for, or in respect of, or in consequence of, the wreck, loss, destruction or capture of any vessel in the Indian Marine Service, all the officers and crew

of the vessel may, if the authority convening the Court thinks fit, be tried together before one and the same Indian Marine Court, and any of them, when upon his trial, may be called upon to give evidence on oath touching any of the matters then under inquiry, but no person shall be obliged to give any evidence which may tend to criminate himself.

58. (1) If by reason of the illness of the prisoner before the finding it is impossible to continue the trial, an Indian Marine Court shall be deemed to be dissolved:

Provided that, where more prisoners than one are being tried and the trial of only one or some of them is rendered impossible by illness, the Court may, if it sees fit, continue the trial of the other or others, and, where the Court so continues the trial, it shall be deemed to have been dissolved only with respect to the prisoner or prisoners whose illness caused the continuance of his or their trial to be impossible.

(2) When the illness with which a prisoner is affected is insanity, the Court shall proceed, as nearly as circumstances admit, in the same manner as a Magistrate or Court may proceed, under section 466 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, X of 1882, when an accused person is found to be of unsound mind and incapable of making his defence.

59. Subject to the provisions of the last foregoing section, where an Indian Marine Court is dissolved under that section or section 53, sub-section (7) or sub-section (9), the proceedings are null and void, and the prisoner may be tried before another Indian Marine Court on the same charge or charges.

60. The president may, on any deliberation among the members, cause an Indian Marine Court to be cleared of all other persons.

61. Every decision of an Indian Marine Court shall be passed by a majority of votes, and where there is an equality of votes the president shall have a second or casting vote:

Provided that if there is an equality of votes on the finding the decision shall be in favour of the prisoner.

62. (1) Every person who may be required to give evidence or to produce a document before an Indian Marine Court shall be summoned in the prescribed manner.

(2) A summons issued under this section may be sent to any officer exercising magisterial powers within whose jurisdiction the person summoned may be or resides, and the officer shall give effect to the summons as if the witness were required to attend in his Court.

63. When a person subject to this Act who, being duly summoned or ordered to attend as a witness before an Indian Marine Court, behaves with contempt to the Court, the Court, if it thinks fit, instead of reserving him for trial by another Court for an offence under section 34, may, by order under the hand of the president, sentence him to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month.



*The Indian Marine Act, 1887.*

(Chapter IV.—Indian Marine Courts.—Sections 64-70. Chapter V.—Supplemental Criminal Provisions.—Sections 71-72.)

*Confirmation of Findings and Sentences.*

64. (1) The president of an Indian Marine Court shall date and sign the proceedings of the Court and submit them, as soon as possible after their completion, to the confirming authority.

(2) If the Court has made a recommendation to mercy, the recommendation shall be recorded and submitted to the confirming authority as part of the proceedings.

65. A finding or sentence of an Indian Marine Court shall not be valid except in so far as it may be confirmed by the confirming authority.

66. (1) The confirming authority shall ordinarily be the authority convening the Court.

(2) But if the Court was convened for the trial of a gazetted officer with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, or if, in the case of a Court convened for the trial of any other person subject to this Act, the Governor-General in Council is of opinion that the authority convening the Court cannot act, or cannot conveniently act, as the confirming authority, the confirming authority shall be the Governor-General in Council.

(3) The fact that the Governor-General in Council has acted as the confirming authority with respect to any finding or sentence shall be conclusive proof that he was the proper confirming authority with respect thereto.

67. (1) The confirming authority may send back the finding and sentence of an Indian Marine Court, or either of them, for revision; and, on the finding or sentence being sent back, the Court may, if so directed by the confirming authority, receive additional evidence.

(2) Where the finding only is sent back for revision, the Court may revise the sentence also.

(3) The confirming authority may, in confirming the sentence of an Indian Marine Court,—

(a) reduce the punishment thereby awarded, or commute that punishment to any other punishment of inferior degree to which the offender might have been sentenced by the Court;

(b) suspend for such time as seems expedient the execution of the sentence;

(c) if the finding or sentence is informally expressed, vary the form thereof, or, if the sentence is invalid, substitute a valid sentence therefor.

(4) Notwithstanding any error, omission or irregularity in any proceeding of an Indian Marine Court, the confirming authority may confirm the finding or sentence of the Court, or either of them, unless the error, omission or irregularity has, in the opinion of that authority, occasioned a failure of justice.

*Evidence.*

68. The Indian Evidence Act, 1872, subject to such modifications therein as the Governor-General in Council may, by notification in the Gazette of India, direct, shall apply to all proceedings before Indian Marine Courts.

*Preservation of Proceedings.*

69. (1) The proceedings of all Indian Marine Courts shall be preserved in the office of the Director of Marine for not less than seven years in the case of the trial of a gazetted officer, or than three years in the case of any other person.

(2) Any person tried by an Indian Marine Court shall be entitled, on demand at any time after the confirmation of the finding and sentence of the Court and before the proceedings are destroyed, to obtain from the officer or person having the custody of the proceedings a copy thereof, upon payment for the same at the prescribed rate.

*Power to make Rules respecting Procedure.*

70. (1) The Governor-General in Council may make rules to regulate the procedure of Indian Marine Courts, and for the purpose of carrying this Act into execution, so far as relates to the investigation, trial and punishment of offences triable by those Courts.

(2) The Governor-General in Council may by any such rule confer on an Indian Marine Court any power (other than a power to try an accused person or pass a sentence) conferred on a Court of original criminal jurisdiction by the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882.

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## CHAPTER V.

## SUPPLEMENTAL CRIMINAL PROVISIONS.

*Procedure of Criminal Courts beyond British India.*

71. The law relating to criminal procedure for the time being in force in British India shall, subject to such modifications as the Governor-General in Council, by notification in the Gazette of India, directs, apply to all proceedings under this Act in Criminal Courts beyond the limits of British India.

*Arrest.*

72. The following rules shall apply to persons subject to this Act when charged with offences under this Act:

(1) Every such person shall be placed in custody, but no person shall be detained in custody longer than is necessary for the purposes of justice.

(2) "Custody" means, according to the usage of the service, the putting of the offender under arrest or the putting him in confinement.

(3) Any officer, or, if more officers than one are present, the senior of them, may order into custody any other person of inferior rank subject to this Act.

(4) The charge made against every person taken into custody shall, without unnecessary delay, be investigated by his commanding officer or other prescribed authority; and, as soon as may be, proceedings shall be taken for punishing the offender or discharging him from custody.



*The Indian Marine Act, 1887.**(Chapter V.—Supplemental Criminal Provisions.—Sections 73-79. Chapter VI.—Provisions of Civil Law.—Section 80.)*

**73.** A commanding officer shall, upon an investigation being made into a charge against a person subject to this Act and under his command of having committed an offence under this Act, dismiss the charge if he thinks that it ought not to be proceeded with; but when he thinks the charge ought to be proceeded with, he shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, take steps without delay for bringing the offender to trial.

*Execution of Sentences of Indian Marine Courts and Commanding Officers.*

**74.** (1) Every term of imprisonment awarded in pursuance of the sentence of an Indian Marine Court or of a commanding officer exercising jurisdiction under this Act shall, except as provided in sub-section (2), be deemed to commence on the day on which the original sentence was signed by the president of the Court or pronounced by the commanding officer.

(2) When a person already undergoing a sentence of penal servitude, transportation or imprisonment is sentenced by an Indian Marine Court to imprisonment, that imprisonment shall commence at the expiration of the penal servitude, transportation or imprisonment to which he has previously been sentenced:

Provided that when, under this sub-section, at the expiration of a term of imprisonment to which a person has been sentenced by an Indian Marine Court, another term of imprisonment to which he has been similarly sentenced commences, and the aggregate term of imprisonment to which he would be thus liable would, as reckoned from the commencement of such imprisonment, exceed two years, so much of that term as is in excess of two years shall be deemed to be remitted.

**75.** (1) A person sentenced by an Indian Marine Court, or by a commanding officer exercising jurisdiction under this Act, to imprisonment shall be detained in the prescribed custody until he is transferred to a prison.

(2) A person sentenced as aforesaid shall, as soon as may be practicable, be transferred to a prison in British India, and shall be delivered over, with a warrant of commitment in the prescribed form signed by the prescribed authority to the officer in charge of that prison.

(3) A person transferred to a prison under sub-section (2) shall thereafter be dealt with in all respects as if he were detained in that prison under a sentence of a Criminal Court:

Provided that—

- (4) when he is a person sentenced to imprisonment by his commanding officer, the commanding officer, or the Director of Marine, may at any time by order in writing direct that he be discharged;
- (5) the Director of Marine or any commanding officer may, by order in writing, direct that any person so transferred shall be delivered over to the prescribed custody for the purpose of being brought before an Indian Marine Court either as a witness or for trial or otherwise, and that he shall again be transferred to the prison.

*Savings.*

**76.** Except as expressly provided by this Act, nothing in this Act shall affect the jurisdiction or powers of any Court of criminal jurisdiction.

**77.** Nothing in this Act shall affect any rules, regulations, conditions or customs of the Indian Marine Service now or hereafter in force, under which any person may be liable—

- (a) to dismissal, loss of seniority, disrating, forfeiture or stoppages; or
- (b) to any restriction not amounting to custody, or any deprivation of indulgence or additional duty, imposed in the way of discipline.

*Amendment of Acts.*

**78.** In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882, X of 1882, Amendment of Act X section 54, after the words of 1882, section 54 (Ar- "Army or Navy" the fol- text of Deserters), lowing shall be inserted, namely:

"or of belonging to Her Majesty's Indian Marine Service and being illegally absent from that service."

**79.** After section 138 of the Indian Penal Code the following section shall be inserted, namely:

"138A. The foregoing sections of this Chapter shall apply as if Her Majesty's Indian Marine Service were comprised in the Navy of the Queen."

## CHAPTER VI.

## PROVISIONS OF CIVIL LAW.

*Exemption from Process.*

**80.** (1) A person below the position of gazetted officer shall not, while subject to this Act, be liable to be taken out of the Indian Marine Service by any process execution or order of any Court of law, or otherwise, or be compelled to appear in person before any Court of law except in respect of the following matters, or one of them; that is to say:

- (a) on account of a criminal charge or conviction;
- (b) on account of a decree for money, when the amount exceeds three hundred rupees over and above the costs of the suit.

(2) The Judge of any such Court may examine into any complaint made by any such person, or his superior officer, of the arrest of the person contrary to the provisions of this section, and may by order under his hand discharge the person, and award reasonable costs to the complainant, who may recover those costs as he might have recovered costs awarded to him by a decree against the person obtaining the process.



*The Indian Marine Act, 1887.*  
(Chapter VI.—Provisions of Civil Law.—Sections 81-82.)

81. The clothes, equipment or arms of a person subject to this Act shall not be seized, nor shall the pay and allowances or any part thereof of any such person below the position of a gazetted officer be attached, in execution of any decree or order enforceable against him by any Court of Civil Judicature.

*Property of Deceased Persons and Deserters.*

82. The following rules are enacted respecting the disposal of the property of any person subject to this Act who dies or deserts:

(1) The commanding officer shall secure all the moveable property which is on the spot and cause an inventory thereof to be made.

(2) In the case of a deceased person, if his representative is on the spot and gives security for the payment of the ship and service debts of the deceased, the commanding officer shall deliver over the property to that representative.

(3) In the case of a deceased person, if the property is not dealt with under clause (2), and in the case of every deserter, the commanding officer shall cause the property to be sold by public auction, and from the proceeds of the sale shall pay the ship and service debts and, in the case of a deceased person, the expenses of his funeral ceremonies.

(4) The surplus, if any, shall in the case of a deceased person be paid to his representative.

(5) In the event of no claim for the surplus of a deceased person's estate being established within twelve months after his death, and immediately after the sale of the effects of a deserter, the amount remaining in the hands of the commanding officer shall be remitted to the Director of Marine.

(6) Property deliverable or money payable to the representative of a deceased person under this section may, if the value or amount thereof does not exceed one thousand rupees and the Director of Marine or the prescribed authority thinks fit, be delivered or paid to any person appearing to him to be entitled to receive it, or to administer the estate of the deceased, without requiring the production of any probate, letters of administration, certificate or other such conclusive evidence of title; and such delivery or payment shall be a full discharge to the person ordering or making the same and to the Secretary of State for India in Council from all further liability in respect of the property or money; but nothing in this section shall affect the rights of any executor or administrator or other representative or of any creditor of a deceased person against a person to whom any such delivery or payment has been made.

(7) A person shall be deemed to have deserted within the meaning of this section who has been convicted of desertion, or who has been absent without leave for a period of thirty days from the Indian Marine Service, and has not subsequently surrendered or been arrested.

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## PART IV.

Acts of the Governor General's Council assented to by the Governor General.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

### LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The following Act of the Governor-General of India in Council received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the 29th July, 1887, and is hereby promulgated for general information:

#### ACT NO. XV OF 1887.

*An Act for the Regulation of Military Police in Burma.*

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish a military police-force in Lower Burma and to amalgamate that force with the military police-force of Upper Burma; It is hereby enacted as follows:

**Title, extent and commencement.** I. (1) This Act may be called the Burma Military Police Act, 1887.

(2) It extends to the whole of Burma (inclusive of Upper Burma), except the Shan States; and

(3) It shall come into force on such day as the Local Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint in this behalf.

**2. The Upper Burma Military Police Regulation, 1887, is hereby repealed.**

**3. In this Act, unless there is something repugnant in the subject or context,—**

**Definitions.** (1) "military police-officer" means a person appointed to the Burma police-force under section 7 of Act V of 1861 who has signed the statement in the schedule to the Upper Burma Military Police Regulation, 1887, or to this Act, in accordance with the provisions of that Regulation or of this Act, as the case may be:

(2) "active service" means service at outposts or against hostile tribes or other persons in the field.

(3) "Deputy Commissioner" includes an Assistant Commissioner in charge of a subdivision:

(4) "Commandant" means a person appointed by the Local Government to be a Commandant of Military Police, and includes a District Superintendent of Police, and an Assistant District Superintendent of Police in charge of the police of a district or of a subdivision:

(5) "Second-in-command" means a person appointed by the Local Government to be a Second-in-command of Military Police, and includes an Assistant District Superintendent of Police not in charge of the police of a district or of a subdivision: and

(6) the expressions "reason to believe", "criminal force", "assault", "fraudulently" and "voluntarily causing hurt" have the meanings assigned to them respectively in the Indian Penal Code.

XLV of 1860.

**4. (1) Before an officer appointed to the Burma police-force under section 7 of Act V of 1861 is appointed to be a military police-officer, the statement in the schedule shall be read to him in the presence of a Magistrate, Commandant or Second-in-command, and shall be signed by him in acknowledgment of its having been so read to him.**

(2) Notwithstanding any notice given under section 9 of Act V of 1861, a military police-officer shall not be entitled to be discharged from the Burma police-force except in accordance with the terms of the statement which he has signed under the Upper Burma Military Police Regulation, 1887, or under this Act, as the case may be.

(3) There shall be six classes of military police-officers, namely:

**Classes and grades of military police-officers.** 5. (1) There shall be six classes of military police-officers, namely:

- (i) inspectors,
- (ii) subahdars,
- (iii) jamadars,
- (iv) havildars,
- (v) naiks, and
- (vi) constables,



and such grades in each class as the Local Government may direct.

(a) The expression "superior officer" in this Act includes—

- (a) in relation to a constable, any constable of a higher grade and any naik, havildar, jamadar, subahdar or inspector;
- (b) in relation to a naik, any naik of a higher grade and any havildar, jamadar, subahdar or inspector;
- (c) in relation to a havildar, any havildar of a higher grade and any jamadar, subahdar or inspector;
- (d) in relation to a jamadar, any jamadar of a higher grade and any subahdar or inspector;
- (e) in relation to a subahdar, any subahdar of a higher grade and any inspector;
- (f) in relation to an inspector, any inspector of a higher grade; and
- (g) in relation to any military police-officer, any Second-in-command, Commandant or Deputy Commissioner.

More heinous offences. 6. A military police-officer who—

- (a) begins, excites, causes or joins in any mutiny or sedition, or, being present at any mutiny or sedition, does not use his utmost endeavours to suppress it, or, knowing or having reason to believe in the existence of any mutiny, or of any intention to mutiny, does not without delay give information thereof to his commanding or other superior officer; or
- (b) uses, or attempts to use, criminal force to, or commits an assault on, his superior officer, whether on or off duty; or
- (c) shamefully abandons or delivers up any garrison, fortress, post or guard which is committed to his charge or which it is his duty to defend; or
- (d) directly or indirectly holds correspondence with, or assists or relieves, any person in arms against the State, or omits to discover immediately to his commanding or other superior officer any such correspondence coming to his knowledge; or

who, while on active service,—

- (e) disobeys the lawful command of his superior officer; or
- (f) deserts the service; or,
- (g) being a sentry, sleeps upon his post, or quits it without being regularly relieved or without leave; or
- (h) without authority leaves his commanding officer, or his post or party, to go in search of plunder; or
- (i) quits his guard, picquet, party or patrol without being regularly relieved or without leave; or
- (j) uses criminal force to, or commits an assault on, any person bringing provisions or other necessities to camp or quarters, or forces a safeguard or without authority breaks into any house or any other place for plunder, or plunders, destroys or damages any property of any kind; or

- (k) intentionally causes or spreads a false alarm in action, camp, garrison or quarters,

shall be punished with transportation for life or for a term of not less than seven years, or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to fourteen years, or with fine which may extend to three months' pay, or with fine to that extent in addition to such sentence of transportation or imprisonment, as the case may be, as may be passed upon him under this section.

Less heinous offences. 7. A military police-officer who—

- (a) is in a state of intoxication when on or for any duty or on parade or on the line of march; or
- (b) strikes or attempts to force any sentry; or,
- (c) being in command of a guard, picquet or patrol, refuses to receive any prisoner duly committed to his charge, or without proper authority releases any prisoner, or negligently suffers any prisoner to escape; or,
- (d) being under arrest or in confinement, leaves his arrest or confinement before he is set at liberty by proper authority; or
- (e) is grossly insubordinate or insolent to his superior officer in the execution of his office; or
- (f) refuses to superintend or assist in the making of any field-work or other military work of any description ordered to be made either in quarters or in the field; or
- (g) strikes or otherwise ill-uses any military police-officer subordinate to him in rank or position; or,
- (h) being in command at any post or on the march, and receiving a complaint that any one under his command has beaten or otherwise maltreated or oppressed any person, or has committed any riot or trespass, fails, on proof of the truth of the complaint, to have due reparation made to the injured person and to report the case to the proper authority; or
- (i) designedly or through neglect injures or loses, or fraudulently disposes of, his arms, clothes, tools, equipments, ammunition, accoutrements or regimental necessities, or any such articles entrusted to him or belonging to any other person; or
- (j) malingers, or feigns or produces disease or infirmity in himself, or intentionally delays his cure, or aggravates his disease or infirmity; or,
- (k) with intent to render himself or any other person unfit for service, voluntarily causes hurt to himself or any other person; or

who, while not on active service,—

- (l) disobeys the lawful command of his superior officer; or
- (m) plunders, destroys or damages any property of any kind; or,
- (n) being a sentry, sleeps upon his post, or quits it without being regularly relieved or without leave; or



(c) deserts the service; shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to three months' pay, or with both.

8. A military police-officer, not being above the rank of constable, who, while on service at an outpost at the time of a projected attack on that post, or in the field against hostile tribes or other persons, commits any offence specified in either of the two last foregoing sections, may, in lieu of any punishment to which he is liable thereunder, be punished with whipping:

Provided that—

- (a) the punishment of whipping shall not in any case exceed thirty stripes; and
- (b) sentence of whipping shall be passed only by a Deputy Commissioner, or, in his absence, by a Commandant invested with the powers of a Magistrate of the first or second class.

9. (1) A Deputy Commissioner, Commandant or Second-in-command, or an officer commanding a separate detachment or an outpost or in temporary command at the head-quarters of a district during the absence of the Deputy Commissioner, Commandant and Second-in-command, may, without a formal trial, award to any military police-officer who is subject to his authority any of the following punishments for the commission of any petty offence against discipline which is not otherwise provided for in this Act or which is not of a sufficiently serious nature to call for a prosecution before a Criminal Court, that is to say,—

- (a) imprisonment to the extent of seven days in the quarter-guard or such other place as may be considered suitable, with forfeiture of all pay and allowances during its continuance;
  - (b) punishment-drill, extra guard, fatigue or other duty, not exceeding thirty days in duration, with or without confinement to quarters.
- (2) Any one of these punishments may be awarded separately or in combination with any one or more of the others.

10. A person sentenced under this Act to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months shall, when he is also dismissed from the Burma police-force, be imprisoned in the nearest or such other jail as the Local Government may, by general or special order, direct, but, when he is not also dismissed from that force, he may, if the convicting officer or Deputy Commissioner so directs, be confined in the quarter-guard or such other place as the convicting officer or Deputy Commissioner may consider suitable.

11. Notwithstanding anything in Act V of 1861 or in any other enactment for the time being in force, the Local Government may invest any police-officer not below the rank of Commandant with the powers of a Magistrate of any class for the purpose of enquiring into or trying any offence committed by a military police-officer and punishable under Act V of 1861 or this Act.

12. (1) Subject to such rules as the Local Government may make in this behalf, a Commandant or Second-in-command of Military Police shall have, with respect to police-officers appointed to the Burma police-force under section 7 of Act V of 1861 who are not military police-officers, the same disciplinary powers as a District Superintendent of Police has with respect to them under that section.

(2) The Local Government may confer on a Commandant or Second-in-command of Military Police, by name or by virtue of his office, any other power of a District Superintendent of Police under Act V of 1861 or any other enactment for the time being in force, or under any rule under any such enactment, and may define the circumstances in which any power so conferred may be exercised by such Commandant or Second-in-command.

13. A Commandant or Second-in-command of Military Police shall be entitled to all the privileges which a police-officer has under sections 42 and 43 of Act V of 1861, section 125 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, and any other enactment for the time being in force.

14. The Local Government may, as regards the Military Police, make such orders and rules consistent with this Act as it thinks expedient relative to the several matters respecting which the Inspector General of Police, with the approval of the Local Government, may, as regards the rest of the Burma police-force, frame orders and rules under section 12 of Act V of 1861.

#### THE SCHEDULE.

##### STATEMENT.

(See sections 3 and 4.)

AFTER you have served for three years in the Burma Military Police you may, at any time when not on active service, apply for your discharge, through the Inspector, if any, to whom you may be subordinate, to a Commandant of Military Police or to the Deputy Commissioner of the district in which you may be serving, and you will be granted your discharge after two months from the date of your application, unless your discharge would cause the vacancies in the Burma Military Police to exceed one-tenth of the sanctioned strength; in that case you must remain until this objection is waived by competent authority or removed. But when on active service you have no claim to a discharge, and you must remain and do your duty until the necessity for retaining you in the Burma Military Police ceases, when you may make your application in the manner hereinbefore prescribed. In the event of your re-enlistment, after you have been discharged, you will have no claim to reckon for pension or any other purpose your service previous to your discharge.

Signature of police-officer }  
in acknowledgment of } A.B.  
the above having been }  
read to him. }  
Signed in my presence } C.D.,  
after I had ascertained } Magistrate,  
that A. B. understood } Commandant or  
the purport of what he } Second-in-command.  
signed. }

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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ACT NO. XVI OF 1887.

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*An Act to amend the law relating to the Tenancy of land in the Punjab.*

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to the tenancy of land in the Punjab; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

## CHAPTER I.

## PRELIMINARY.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887.

(2) It extends to the whole of the territories (including the pargana of Spiti) for the time being administered by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, except the Hazara district; and

(3) It shall come into force on such day as the Local Government, with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, may by notification appoint in this behalf.

2. Any power conferred by this Act on the Financial Commissioner to make rules in anticipation of commencement, may be exercised at any time after the passing of this Act, but a rule so made shall not take effect till the commencement of this Act.

3. The enactments mentioned in the schedule are repealed to the extent specified in the third column thereof.

4. In this Act, unless there is something repugnant in the subject or context,—

(1) "land" means land which is not occupied as the site of any building in a town or village and is occupied or has been let for agricultural purposes or for purposes subservient to agriculture, or for pasture, and includes the sites of buildings and other structures on such land;

(2) "pay", with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, includes, when used with reference to rent, "deliver" and "render", with their grammatical variations and cognate expressions;

(3) "rent" means whatever is payable to a landlord in money, kind or service by a tenant on account of the use or occupation of land held by him;

(4) "arrear of rent" means rent which remains unpaid after the date on which it becomes payable;

(5) "tenant" means a person who holds land under another person, and is, or but for a special contract would be, liable to pay rent for that land to that other person; but it does not include—

- (a) an inferior landowner, or
- (b) a mortgagee of the rights of a landowner, or
- (c) a person to whom a holding has been transferred, or an estate or holding has been let in farm, under the Punjab Land-revenue Act, 1887, for the recovery of an arrear of land-revenue or of a sum recoverable as such an arrear, or
- (d) a person who takes from the Government a lease of unoccupied land for the purpose of subletting it;

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(6) "landlord" means a person under whom a tenant holds land, and to whom the tenant is, or but for a special contract would be, liable to pay rent for that land;

(7) "tenant" and "landlord" include the predecessors and successors in interest of a tenant and landlord respectively;

(8) "tenancy" means a parcel of land held by a tenant of a landlord under one lease or one set of conditions;

(9) "estate", "landowner" and "holding" have the meanings respectively assigned to those words in the Punjab Land-revenue Act, 1887;

(10) "land-revenue" means land-revenue assessed under any law for the time being in force or assessable under the Punjab Land-revenue Act, 1887, and includes—

(a) any rate imposed in respect of the increased value of land due to irrigation, and

(b) any sum payable in respect of land, by way of quit-rent or of commutation for service to the Government or to a person to whom the Government has assigned the right to receive the payment;

(11) "rates and cesses" means rates and cesses which are primarily payable by landowners, and includes—

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(a) the local rate, if any, payable under the Punjab Local Rates Act, 1878;

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(b) the local rate, if any, payable under the Punjab District Boards Act, 1883, and any fee leviable under section 53 of that Act from landowners for the use of or benefits derived from such works as are referred to in section 20, clauses (f) and (g), of that Act;

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(c) any annual rate chargeable on owners of lands under section 59 of the Northern India Canal and Drainage Act, 1874;

(d) the *zaildār* and village-officers' cesses; and

(e) sums payable on account of village-expenses;

(12) "village-cess" includes any cess, contribution or due which is customarily leviable within an estate and is neither a payment for the use of private property nor for personal service nor imposed by or under any enactment for the time being in force;

(13) "village-officer" means a chief-headman, headman or *patwārī*;

(14) "Revenue-officer" or "Revenue Court", in any provision of this Act, means a Revenue-officer or Revenue Court having authority under this Act to discharge the functions of a Revenue-officer or Revenue Court, as the case may be, under that provision;

(15) "jagirdār" includes any person, other than a village-servant, to whom the land-revenue of any land has been assigned in whole or in part by the Government or by an officer of the Government;

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(16) "legal practitioner" means any legal practitioner within the meaning of the Legal Practitioners Act, 1879, except a *mukhtār*;

(17) "agricultural year" means the year commencing on the sixteenth day of June, or on such other date as the Local Government may by notification appoint for any local area;

(18) "notification" means a notification published by authority of the Local Government in the official Gazette; and

(19) "improvement" means, with reference to a tenancy, any work which is suitable to the tenancy and consistent with the conditions on which it is held, by which the value of the tenancy has been and continues to be increased, and which, if not executed on the tenancy, is either executed directly for its benefit, or is, after execution, made directly beneficial to it;

*Explanation I.*—It includes, among other things,—

(a) the construction of wells and other works for the storage or supply of water for agricultural purposes;

(b) the construction of works for drainage and for protection against floods;

(c) the planting of trees, the reclaiming, enclosing, levelling and terracing of land for agricultural purposes and other works of a like nature;

(d) the erection of buildings required for the more convenient or profitable cultivation of a tenancy; and

(e) the renewal or re-construction of any of the foregoing works, or such alterations therein, or additions thereto, as are not of the nature of mere repairs and as durably increase their value;

But it does not include such clearances, embankments, levellings, enclosures, temporary wells and water-channels as are made by tenants in the ordinary course of cultivation and without any special expenditure, or any other benefit accruing to land from the ordinary operations of husbandry;

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## CHAPTER II.

## RIGHT OF OCCUPANCY.

Tenants having right of occupancy. 5. (1) A tenant—

(a) who at the commencement of this Act has for more than two generations in the male line of descent through a grandfather or grand-nucle and for a period of not less than twenty years been occupying land paying no rent therefor beyond the amount of the land-revenue thereof and the rates and cesses for the time being chargeable thereon, or

(b) who having owned land, and having ceased to be landowner thereof otherwise than by forfeiture to the Government or than by any voluntary act, has, since he ceased to be landowner, continuously occupied the land, or

(c) who, in a village or estate in which he settled along with, or was settled by, the founder thereof as a cultivator therein, occupied land on the twenty-first day of October, 1868, and has continuously occupied the land since that date, or

(d) who, being *jagirdār* of the estate or any part of the estate in which the land occupied by him is situate, has continuously occupied the land for not less than twenty years, or, having been such *jagirdār*, man-pied the land while he was *jagirdār* and



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Sections 12-13.)

has continuously occupied it for not less than twenty years,

has a right of occupancy in the land so occupied, unless, in the case of a tenant belonging to the class specified in clause (c), the landlord proves that the tenant was entitled on land previously cleared and brought under cultivation by, or at the expense of, the founder.

(2) If a tenant proves that he has continuously occupied land for thirty years and paid no rent therefor beyond the amount of the land-revenue thereof and the rates and cesses for the time being chargeable thereon, it may be presumed that he has fulfilled the conditions of clause (a) of sub-section (1).

(3) The words in that clause denoting natural relationship denote also relationship by adoption, including therein the customary appointment of a heir, and relationship by the usage of a religious community.

6. A tenant recorded in a record-of-rights

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sanctioned by the Local Government before the twenty-first day of October, 1868, as a tenant having a right of occupancy in land which he has continuously occupied from the time of the preparation of that record, shall be deemed to have a right of occupancy in that land unless the contrary has been established by a decree of a competent Court in a suit instituted before the passing of this Act.

7. If the tenant has voluntarily exchanged

the land, or any portion of the land, formerly occupied by him for other land belonging to the same landlord, the land taken in exchange shall be held to be subject to the same right of occupancy as that to which the land given in exchange would have been subject if the exchange had not taken place.

8. Nothing in the foregoing sections of this

Chapter shall preclude any person from establishing a right of occupancy on any ground other than the grounds specified in those sections.

Right of occupancy not to be acquired by mere lapse of time.

9. No tenant shall acquire a right of occupancy by mere lapse of time.

10. In the absence of a custom to the contrary

no one of several joint owners of land shall acquire a right of occupancy under this Chapter in land jointly owned by them.

11. Notwithstanding anything in the fore-

going sections of this Chapter, a tenant who immediately before the commencement of this Act has a right of occupancy in any land under an enactment specified in any line of the first column of the following table shall, from the date this Act comes into force, be held to have, for all the purposes of this Act, a right of occupancy in that land under the enactment specified

in the same line of the second column of the table:—

PUNJAB TENANCY ACT, 1857.		THIS ACT.*		XXVIII of 1868.
First Column.		Second Column.		
Section.	Clause.	Section.	Sub-section.	Clause.
5	(1)	5	(1)	(a)
5	(2)	5	(1)	(b)
5	(3)	5	(1)	(c)
5	(4)	5	(1)	(d)
6	...	6	...	...
8	...	8	...	...

### CHAPTER III.

#### RENT.

##### *Rents generally.*

12. (1) The rent for the time being payable in respect of a tenancy shall be the first charge on the produce thereof.

(2) A tenant shall be entitled to tend, cut and harvest the produce of his tenancy in due course of husbandry without any interference on the part of his landlord.

(3) Except where rent is taken by division of the produce, the tenant shall be entitled to the exclusive possession of the produce.

(4) Where rent is taken by division of the produce—

- (a) the tenant shall be entitled to the exclusive possession of the whole produce until it is divided;
- (b) the landlord shall be entitled to be present at, and take part in, the division of the produce; and
- (c) when the produce has been divided, the landlord shall be entitled to the possession of his share thereof.

13. (1) Where rent is taken by any of the following methods, namely:—

- (a) by division or apportionment of the produce,
- (b) by rates fixed with reference to the nature of the crops grown,
- (c) by a rate on a recognised measure of area,
- (d) by a rent in gross on the tenancy, or
- (e) partly by one of the methods specified in clauses (a), (b) and (c) of this sub-section and partly by another or others of them,

one of those methods shall not be commuted in whole or in part into another without the consent of both landlord and tenant.

(2) In the absence of a contract or a decree or order of competent authority to the contrary, a tenant whose rent is taken by any of the methods specified in clauses (a), (b) and (c) of sub-section (1), or by the method specified in clause (d) of



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(Chapter III.—Rent.—Sections 14-22.)

that sub-section, shall not be liable to pay for a tenancy rent at any higher rate, or of a higher amount, as the case may be, than the rate or amount payable in respect of the tenancy for the preceding agricultural year.

14. Any person in possession of land occupied without the consent of the landlord shall be liable to pay for the use or occupation of that land at the rate of rent payable in the preceding agricultural year, or, if rent was not payable in that year, at such rate as the Court may determine to be fair and equitable.

15. When two or more persons are landlords of a tenant in respect of the same tenancy, the tenant shall not be bound to pay part of the rent of his tenancy to one of those persons and part to another.

*Produce-rents.*

16. Where rent is taken by division or appraisement of the produce, if the tenant removes any portion of the produce at such a time or in such a manner as to prevent the due division or appraisement thereof, or deals therewith in a manner contrary to established usage, the produce may be deemed to have been as full as the fullest crop of the same description on similar land in the neighbourhood for that harvest.

17. If either the landlord or the tenant neglects to attend, either personally or by agent, at the proper time for making the division or appraisement of the produce, or if there is a dispute about the division or appraisement, a Revenue-officer may, on the application of either party, appoint such person as he thinks fit to be a referee to divide or appraise the produce.

18. (1) When a Revenue-officer appoints a referee under the last foregoing section, he may, in his discretion, give him instructions with respect to the association with himself of any other persons as assessors, the number, qualifications and selection of those assessors, and the procedure to be followed in making the division or appraisement.

(2) The referee so appointed shall make the division or appraisement in accordance with any instructions which he may have received from the Revenue-officer under the last foregoing sub-section.

(3) Before making the division or appraisement the referee shall give notice to the landlord and the tenant of the time and place at which the division or appraisement will be made, but, if either the landlord or the tenant fails to attend either personally or by agent, the referee may proceed *ex parte*.

(4) For the purpose of making the division or appraisement, the referee, with his assessors, if any, may enter upon any land on which or into any building in which the produce is.

19. (1) The result of the division or appraisement shall be recorded and signed by the referee, and the record shall be submitted to the Revenue-officer.

(2) The Revenue-officer shall consider the record; and, after such further inquiry, if any, as he may deem necessary, shall make an order either confirming or varying the division or appraisement.

(3) The Revenue-officer shall also make such order as to the costs of the reference as he thinks fit.

(4) The costs may include the remuneration of the referee and of the assessors, if any, and may be levied from the applicant before the appointment of the referee subject to adjustment at the close of the proceedings.

20. Where the rent of a tenant having a right of occupancy in any land is a share of the produce, or of the appraised value thereof, with or without an addition in money, or is paid according to rates fixed with reference to the nature of the crops grown, or is a rent in gross payable in kind, the tenant shall be entitled to occupy the land at that rent:

Provided that, when the land or any part thereof previously not irrigated or flooded becomes irrigated or flooded, the rent payable in respect of the land or part may, subject to the provisions of this Act, be enhanced to the share or rates, or with reference to the rent in gross, as the case may be; paid by tenants, having a similar right of occupancy, for irrigated or flooded land of a similar description and with similar advantages.

21. When the land, or any part of the land, held by a tenant having a right of occupancy in the last foregoing section, whom this last foregoing section applies ceases to be irrigated or flooded, the rent payable in respect of the land or part may be reduced to the share or rates, or with reference to the rent in gross, as the case may be, paid by tenants, having a similar right of occupancy, for unirrigated or unflooded land of a similar description and with similar advantages.

*Cash-rents paid by Tenants having Right of Occupancy.*

22. (1) Where a tenant having a right of occupancy pays his rent entirely by a cash-rate on a recognised measure of area or by a cash-rent in gross on his tenancy, the rent may be enhanced on the ground that, after deduction therefrom of the land-revenue of, and the rates and cesses chargeable on, the tenancy, it is—

- (a) if the tenant belongs to the class specified in clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 5, less than two annas per rupee of the amount of the land-revenue;
- (b) if he belongs to any of the classes specified in clauses (b), (c) and (d) of that sub-section, less than six annas per rupee of the amount of the land-revenue;
- (c) if he belongs to the class specified in section 6, or if his right of occupancy is established under section 8 and his rent is not regulated by contract, less than twelve annas per rupee of the amount of the land-revenue.

(2) In a case to which sub-section (1) applies, the rent may be enhanced to an amount not exceeding two, six or twelve annas per rupee



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of the amount of the land-revenue, as the case may be, in addition to the amount of the land-revenue of the tenancy and the rates and cesses chargeable thereon.

23. The rent payable by a tenant to whom the last foregoing section applies may be reduced on the ground that the productive powers of the tenancy have been decreased by a cause beyond his control.

*General Provisions relating to Suits for Enhancement or Reduction of Rent.*

24. (1) A Revenue Court, on the suit of either landlord or tenant, may, subject to the provisions of this Act, enhance or reduce the rent of any tenant having a right of occupancy.

(2) Where a decree for the enhancement of the rent of such a tenant has been passed under the Punjab Tenancy Act, 1868, a suit for a further enhancement of his rent shall not lie till the expiration of five years from the date of the decree, unless in the meantime the local area in which the land comprised in the decree is situate has been generally re-assessed and the revenue payable in respect of that land has been increased.

(3) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (2), a suit instituted for the enhancement of the rent of a tenant having a right of occupancy shall not be entertained in either of the following cases, namely:—

(a) if within the ten years next preceding its institution his rent has been commuted under section 13 or enhanced under this section;

(b) if within that period a decree has been passed under this Act dismissing on the merits a suit for the enhancement of his rent;

unless the land or some part of the land comprised in his tenancy, not having been irrigated or flooded at the time of such commutation, enhancement or decree, has become irrigated or flooded.

25. In enhancing or reducing the rent of any land under the foregoing provisions of this Chapter, the Court shall, within the limits prescribed by those provisions, enhance or reduce the rent to such an amount as it considers fair and equitable, but shall not in any case fix the rent at a sum less than the amount of the land-revenue of the land and the rates and cesses chargeable thereon.

26. (1) Unless the Court decrees an enhancement of rent otherwise directed, the enhancement shall take effect from the commencement of the agricultural year next following the date of the decree.

(2) A Court decreeing a reduction of rent shall specify in the decree the date on and from which the reduction is to take effect.

*Adjustment of Rents expressed in terms of the Land-revenue.*

27. (1) Where the rent of a tenancy is the whole or a share of the land-revenue thereof, with or without addition in money, the Court shall, in adjusting the rent, take into account the amount of the land-revenue of the land in which the tenancy is situate is altered, a Revenue-officer having authority under section 56 of the Punjab Land-revenue Act, 1887, to determine the land-revenue payable in respect of the several holdings comprised in the estate in which the tenancy is situate shall determine also the amount of the land-revenue of the tenancy, or the proportionate share thereof, payable by the tenant as rent.

(2) Where an addition referred to in sub-section (1) is a percentage fixed with reference to the land-revenue of the tenancy, or the whole or a share of the rates and cesses chargeable thereon, or both, the Revenue-officer shall in like manner from time to time alter the amount of the addition in proportion to any alteration of such land-revenue or rates and cesses.

(3) The sum or sums determined under the foregoing sub-sections, together with any addition previously payable other than the additions referred to in sub-section (2), shall be the rent payable in respect of the tenancy until there is again an alteration of the land-revenue thereof or of the rates and cesses chargeable thereon or until the rent is enhanced by a suit under this Act.

(4) An alteration of rent under this section shall not be deemed an enhancement or reduction of rent within the meaning of this Act.

*Alteration of Rent on Alteration of Area.*

28. (1) Every tenant shall—

(a) be liable to pay additional rent for all land proved to be in excess of the area for which rent has been previously paid by him, unless it is proved that the excess is due to the addition to his tenancy of land which, having previously belonged to the tenancy, was lost by diluvion or otherwise without any reduction of the rent being made; and

(b) be entitled to an abatement of rent in respect of any deficiency proved to exist in the area of his tenancy as compared with the area for which rent has been previously paid by him, unless it is proved that the deficiency is due to the loss of land which was added to the area of the tenancy by alluvion or otherwise, and that an addition has not been made to the rent in respect of the addition to the area.

(2) In determining the area for which rent has been previously paid, the Court shall have regard to the following, among other matters, namely:—

(a) the origin and conditions of the tenant's occupancy, for instance, whether the rent was a rent in gross for the entire tenancy;

(b) whether the tenant has been allowed to hold additional land in consideration of an addition to his total rent or otherwise with the knowledge and consent of the landlord; and

(c) the length of time during which there has been no dispute as to rent or area.

(3) In adding to or abating rent under this section, the Court shall add to or abate the rent to such an amount as it deems to be fair and equitable, and shall specify in its decree the date on and from which the addition or abatement is to take effect.



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(Chapter III.—Rent.—Sections 29-34.)

(4) An addition to or abatement of rent under this section shall not be deemed an enhancement or reduction of rent within the meaning of this Act.

*Remission.*

29. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing sections of this Chapter, if it appears to a Court making a decree for an arrear of rent that the area of a tenancy has been so diminished by diluvion or otherwise, or that the produce thereof has been so diminished by draught, hail, deposit of sand or other like calamity, that the full amount of rent payable by the tenant cannot be equitably decreed, the Court may, with the previous sanction of the Collector, allow such remission from the rent payable by the tenant as may appear to it to be just.

30. (1) Whenever from any cause the payment of the whole or any part of the land-revenue payable in respect of any land is remitted or suspended, a Revenue-officer may, by order, remit or suspend, as the case may be, the payment of the rent of that land to an amount which may bear the same proportion to the whole of the rent payable in respect of the land as the land-revenue of which the payment has been remitted or suspended bears to the whole of the land-revenue payable in respect of the land.

(2) An order passed under sub-section (1) shall not be liable to be contested by suit in any Court.

(3) A suit shall not lie for the recovery of any rent of which the payment has been remitted, or, during the period of suspension, of any rent of which the payment has been suspended.

(4) Where the payment of rent has been suspended, the period during which the suspension has continued shall be excluded in the computation of the period of limitation prescribed for a suit for the recovery of the rent.

(5) If the landlord collects any rent of which the payment has been remitted, or before the expiration of the period of suspension collects any rent of which the payment has been suspended, the whole of the land-revenue remitted or suspended in his favour shall become immediately payable by him.

(6) The provisions of this section relating to the remission and suspension of the payment of rent may be applied, so far as they can be made applicable, to land of which the land-revenue has been released, compounded for or redeemed, in any case in which, if the land-revenue in respect of the land had not been released, compounded for or redeemed, the whole or any part of it might, in the opinion of the Revenue-officer, be remitted or suspended under the rules for the time being in force for regulating the remission and suspension of land-revenue.

*Deposits.*

31. In either of the following cases, namely:—

- (a) when a landlord refuses to receive, or grant a receipt for, any rent payable in money when tendered to him by a tenant,
- (b) when a tenant is in doubt as to the person entitled to receive rent payable in money,

the tenant may apply to a Revenue-officer for leave to deposit the rent in his office, and the Revenue-officer shall receive the deposit if, after examining the applicant, he is satisfied that there is sufficient ground for the application and if the applicant pays the fee, if any, chargeable for the issue of the notice next hereinafter referred to.

32. (1) When a deposit has been so received, it shall be deemed to be a payment made by the tenant to his landlord in respect of rent due.

(2) The Revenue-officer receiving the deposit shall give notice of the receipt thereof to every person who he has reason to believe claims or is entitled to the deposit, and may pay the amount thereof to any person appearing to him to be entitled thereto, or may, if he thinks fit, retain the deposit pending the decision of a competent Court as to the person so entitled.

(3) No suit or other proceeding shall be instituted against the Secretary of State for India in Council, or against any officer of the Government, in respect of anything done by a Revenue-officer under this section, but nothing in this sub-section shall prevent any person entitled to receive the amount of any such deposit from recovering it from a person to whom it has been paid by a Revenue-officer.

*Recovery of Rent from attached Produce.*

33. (1) If an order is made by any Court for the attachment of the produce of a tenancy or of any part of a tenancy, the landlord may apply to the Revenue-officer by whom the attachment is to be or has been made to sell the produce and pay to him out of the proceeds of the sale thereof the amount or value of—

- (a) any rent which has fallen due to him in respect of the tenancy within the year immediately preceding the application and
- (b) the rent which will be falling due after the harvesting of the produce and is chargeable against it.

(2) The Revenue-officer shall give the person at whose instance the attachment was made an opportunity of showing cause why the application of the landlord should not be granted, and, if he finds the landlord's claim to the whole or any part of the rent to be proved, he shall cause the produce or such portion thereof as he may deem necessary to be sold, and shall apply the proceeds of the sale in the first instance to satisfy the claim.

(3) The finding of the Revenue-officer under sub-section (2) shall have the force of a decree in a suit between the landlord and the tenant.

*Leases for Period exceeding Term of Assessment of Land-revenue.*

34. (1) Where a lease has been granted, or an agreement has been entered into, by a landowner in respect of any land assessed to land-revenue, for a period exceeding the term for which the land-revenue has been assessed, the rent or other sum payable in respect of the land under the lease or



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agreement, and that term has expired, the lease or agreement shall be voidable—

- (a) at the option of the landowner if the land-revenue of the land has been enhanced and the person to whom the lease has been granted or with whom the agreement has been entered into refuses to pay such rent or other sum as a Revenue Court, on the suit of the landowner, determines to be fair and equitable; and

where the relation of landlord and tenant exists between the grantor and grantee of the lease, or between the persons who entered into the agreement—

- (b) at the option of the tenant if the land-revenue of the land has been reduced and the landlord refuses to accept such rent as a Revenue Court, on the suit of the tenant, determines to be fair and equitable.

(2) Any agreement relative to the occupation, rent, profits or produce of any land which has been entered into for the term of the currency of an assessment shall, unless a contrary intention clearly appears in the agreement or the agreement is terminated by consent of parties or course of law, continue in force until a revised assessment takes effect.

## CHAPTER IV.

## RELINQUISHMENT, ABANDONMENT AND EJECTMENT.

*Relinquishment.*

35. A tenant holding for a fixed term under Relinquishment by a contract or a decree or tenant for a fixed term. order of competent authority may relinquish his tenancy without notice at the end of that term.

36. (1) Any other tenant may relinquish his Relinquishment by tenancy by giving verbally any other tenant. or in writing to his landlord, or to his landlord's agent, on or before the fifteenth day of January in any year, notice of his intention to relinquish the tenancy at the end of the agricultural year then current.

(2) The tenant may, instead of, or in addition to, giving the notice in the manner mentioned in sub-section (1), apply to a Revenue-officer on or before the date aforesaid to cause the notice to be served on the landlord, and the Revenue-officer, on receiving the cost of service from the tenant, shall cause the notice to be served as soon as may be.

(3) If the tenant does not give notice in the manner prescribed in this section, he shall be liable to pay the rent of his tenancy for any part of the ensuing agricultural year during which the tenancy is not let by the landlord to some other person or is not cultivated by the landlord himself.

37. A tenant cannot, without the consent of his landlord, relinquish a part only of his tenancy.

*Abandonment.*

38. If a tenant having a right of occupancy Abandonment of fails for more than one year tenancy by occupancy. without sufficient cause to cultivate his tenancy, either by himself or some other person, and to arrange for payment of the rent thereof as it falls due, the right of occupancy shall be extinguished from the end of that year.

*Ejectment.*

## LIABILITY TO EJECTMENT.

39. A tenant having a right of occupancy shall Grounds of ejectment be liable to be ejected from of occupancy-tenant. his tenancy on any of the following grounds, namely:—

- (a) that he has used the land comprised in the tenancy in a manner which renders it unfit for the purposes for which he held it;
- (b) where rent is payable in kind, that he has without sufficient cause failed to cultivate that land in the manner or to the extent customary in the locality in which the land is situate;
- (c) that a decree for an arrear of rent in respect of the tenancy has been passed against him and remains unsatisfied.

40. A tenant not having a right of occupancy, but holding for a fixed term Grounds of ejectment of tenant for a fixed term. under a contract or a decree or order of competent authority, shall be liable to be ejected from his tenancy at the expiration of that term, and, on any of the following grounds, before the expiration thereof, namely:—

- (a) that he has used the land comprised in the tenancy in a manner which renders it unfit for the purposes for which he held it;
- (b) where rent is payable in kind, that he has without sufficient cause failed to cultivate that land in the manner or to the extent customary in the locality in which the land is situate;
- (c) on any ground which would justify ejectment under the contract, decree or order.

41. A tenant who has not a right of occupancy, and does not hold for a fixed term under a contract or a decree or order of competent authority, may be ejected at the end of any agricultural year.

## PROCEDURE ON EJECTMENT.

42. A tenant shall not be ejected otherwise Restriction on ejectment. than in execution of a decree or order of competent authority for ejectment except in the following cases, namely:—

- (a) when a decree for an arrear of rent in respect of his tenancy has been passed against him and remains unsatisfied;
- (b) when the tenant has not a right of occupancy, and does not hold for a fixed term under a contract or a decree or order of competent authority.

43. In any such case as is mentioned in Application to Revenue-officer for ejectment. clause (a) or clause (b) of the last foregoing section, the landlord may apply to a Revenue-officer for the ejectment of the tenant in the case mentioned in the former clause or for the service on the tenant of a notice of ejectment in the case mentioned in the latter clause.

44. (1) On receiving the application in any Ejectment for failure to satisfy decree for arrear of rent. such case as is mentioned in clause (a) of section 42 the Revenue-officer shall, after such inquiry with respect to the existence of the arrear as he deems necessary, cause a notice to be served on the tenant, stating the date of the decree and the amount due thereunder, and informing him that if he does not pay that amount



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to the Revenue-officer within fifteen days from receipt of the notice he will be ejected from the land.

(2) If the amount is not so paid, the Revenue-officer shall, subject to the provisions of this Act with respect to the payment of compensation, order the ejectment of the tenant unless good cause is shown to the contrary.

45. (1) On receiving the application of the landlord in any such case as is mentioned in clause (4) of section 42, the Revenue-officer shall, if the application is in order and not open to objection on the face of it, cause a notice of ejectment to be served on the tenant.

(2) A notice under sub-section (1) shall not be served after the fifteenth day of November in any year.

(3) The notice shall specify the name of the landlord on whose application it is issued, and describe the land to which it relates, and shall inform the tenant that he must vacate the land before the first day of May next following, or that, if he intends to contest his liability to ejectment, he must institute a suit for that purpose in a Revenue Court within two months from the date of the service of the notice.

(4) The notice shall also inform the tenant that if he does not intend to contest his liability to be ejected and he has any claim for compensation on ejectment he should, within two months from the date of the service of the notice, prefer his claim to the Revenue-officer having authority under the next following sub-section to order his ejectment in the circumstances described in that sub-section.

(5) If within two months from the date of the service of the notice the tenant does not institute a suit to contest his liability to be ejected, a Revenue-officer, on the application of the landlord, shall, subject to the provisions of this Act with respect to the payment of compensation, order the ejectment of the tenant:

Provided that the Revenue-officer shall not make the order until he is satisfied that the notice was duly served on the tenant.

(6) If within those two months the tenant institutes a suit to contest his liability to be ejected and fails in the suit, the Court by which the suit is determined shall by its decree direct the ejectment of the tenant.

Power to make rules.

46. The Financial Commissioner may make rules prescribing—

- (a) the form and language of applications and notices under the two last foregoing sections; and
- (b) the manner in which those applications and notices are to be signed and attested.

**GENERAL PROVISIONS RESPECTING EJECTMENT.**

47. A decree or order for the ejectment of a tenant shall not be executed at any other time than between the first day of May and the fifteenth day of June (both days inclusive), unless the Court making the decree or, where the order is made under section 44, the officer making the order otherwise directs.

48. (1) If in a suit for the ejectment of a tenant on either of the grounds mentioned in clauses (a) and (b) of section 39 or of section 40 it appears to the Court that the injury caused by the act or omission on which the suit is based is capable of being remedied, or that an award of compensation will be sufficient satisfaction to the landlord therefor, the Court may, instead of making a decree for the ejectment of the tenant, order him to remedy the injury within a period to be fixed in the order, or order him to pay into Court, within such a period, such compensation as the Court thinks fit.

(2) The Court may from time to time, for special reasons, extend a period fixed by it under sub-section (1).

(3) If within the period, or extended period, as the case may be, fixed by the Court under this section, the injury is remedied or the compensation is paid, a decree for the ejectment of the tenant shall not be made.

49. (1) Where at the time of the proposed ejectment of a tenant from any land his uncut or un-gathered crops are standing on any part thereof, he shall not be ejected from that part until the crops have ripened and he has been allowed a reasonable time to harvest them.

(2) The Court or Revenue-officer decreeing or ordering the ejectment of the tenant may, on the application of the landlord, determine any dispute arising in consequence of the provisions of sub-section (1) between the landlord and the tenant or between the landlord and any person entitled to harvest the crops of the tenant, and may in its or his discretion—

- (a) direct that the tenant pay for the longer occupation of the land secured to him under sub-section (1) such rent as may be fair and equitable, or
- (b) determine the value of the tenant's uncut and un-gathered crops, and, on payment thereof by the landlord to the Court or Revenue-officer, forthwith eject the tenant.

(3) When a tenant for whose ejectment proceedings have been taken has, conformably with local usage, prepared for sowing any land comprised in his tenancy, but has not sown or planted crops on that land, he shall be entitled to receive from the landlord before ejectment a fair equivalent in money for the labour and capital expended by him in so preparing the land, and the Court or Revenue-officer before which or whom the proceedings are pending shall, on the application of the tenant, determine the sum payable to the tenant under this sub-section and stay his ejectment until that sum has been paid to him.

**RELIEF FOR WRONGFUL DISPOSSESSION.**

50. In either of the following cases, namely:—

- (a) if a tenant has been dispossessed without his consent of his tenancy or any part thereof otherwise than in execution of a decree or order made in pursuance of an order under section 44 or section 45,
- (b) if a tenant who, not having instituted a suit under section 45, has been ejected



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from his tenancy or any part thereof in pursuance of an order under that section denies his liability to be ejected,

the tenant may, within one year from the date of his dispossession or ejectment, institute a suit for recovery of possession or occupancy, or for compensation, or for both.

**52.** Possession of a tenancy or of any land

Bar of relief by suit comprised in a tenancy shall under section 9, Act 1, not be recoverable under section 9 of the Specific Relief Act, 1877, by a tenant dispossessed thereof.

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*Power to vary Dates prescribed by this Chapter.*

**52.** (1) The Local Government may, for all or any of the territories under its administration, by notification fix for the purposes of sections 56, 45 and 47, or of any of those sections, any other dates instead of those specified therein.

(2) A notification under this section shall not take effect till after the expiration of six months from the date of the publication thereof.

## CHAPTER V.

## ALIENATION OF, AND SUCCESSION TO, RIGHT OF OCCUPANCY.

*Alienation.*

**53.** (1) A tenant having a right of occupancy under section 5 may transfer that right by sale, gift or mortgage, subject to the conditions mentioned in this section.

(2) If he intends to transfer the right by sale, gift, mortgage by conditional sale or usufructuary mortgage, he shall cause notice of his intention to be served on his landlord through a Revenue-officer, and shall defer proceeding with the transfer for a period of one month from the date on which the notice is served.

(3) Within that period of one month the landlord may claim to purchase the right at such value as a Revenue-officer may, on application made to him in this behalf, fix.

(4) When the application to the Revenue-officer is to fix the value of a right of occupancy which is already mortgaged, he shall fix the value of the right as if it were not mortgaged.

(5) The landlord shall be deemed to have purchased the right if he pays the value to the Revenue-officer within such time as that officer appoints.

(6) On the value being so paid, the right of occupancy shall be extinct, and the Revenue-officer shall, on the application of the landlord, put the landlord in possession of the tenancy.

(7) If the right of occupancy was already mortgaged, the tenancy shall pass to the landlord unincumbered by the mortgage, but the mortgage-debt shall be a charge on the purchase-money.

(8) If there is no such charge as aforesaid, the Revenue-officer shall, subject to any directions which he may receive from any Court, pay the purchase-money to the tenant.

(9) If there is such a charge, the Revenue-officer shall, subject as aforesaid, either apply in discharge of the mortgage-debt so much of the purchase-money as is required for that purpose and pay the balance, if any, to the tenant, or retain the purchase-money pending the decision of a Civil Court as to the person or persons entitled thereto.

(10) Where there are several landlords of a tenancy, any one of them may be deemed to be the landlord for the purposes of this section.

(11) No suit or other proceeding shall be instituted against the Secretary of State for India in Council, or against any officer of the Government, in respect of anything done by a Revenue-officer under the two last foregoing sub-sections, but nothing in this sub-section shall prevent any person entitled to receive the whole or any part of the purchase-money from recovering it from a person to whom it has been paid by a Revenue-officer.

**54.** Where a mortgagee of a right of occupancy under section 5 proposes to foreclose his mortgage, or otherwise enforce his lien on the land subject to the right, the provisions of the last foregoing section shall, so far as they can be made applicable, apply as if the mortgagee were the tenant.

**55.** (1) A right of occupancy under section 5 may be sold in execution of a decree or order of a Court;

(2) But notice of an intended sale of any such right shall be given by the Court to the landlord, and, if at any time before the close of the day on which the sale takes place the landlord pays to the Court or to the officer conducting the sale a deposit of twenty-five per centum on the highest bid made at the sale, he shall be declared to be the purchaser instead of the person who made that bid.

**56.** A right of occupancy under any other section than section 5 shall not be attached or sold in execution of a decree or order of any Court or, without the previous consent in writing of the landlord, be transferred by private contract.

**57.** When a right of occupancy has been transferred by sale, gift or usufructuary mortgage to a person other than the landlord, that person shall, in respect of the land in which the right subsists, have the same rights, and be subject to the same liabilities, as the tenant to whom before the transfer the right belonged had and was subject to.

**58.** (1) A tenant having a right of occupancy in land may, subject to the provisions of this Act and to the conditions of any written contract between him and his landlord, sublet the land or any part thereof for any term not exceeding seven years.

(2) A person to whom land is sublet by a tenant having a right of occupancy therein shall, in respect of that land, and so far as regards the landlord, be, jointly with the tenant, subject to all the liabilities of the tenant under this Act.



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*Succession.*

59. (1) When a tenant having a right of occupancy in any land dies, the right shall devolve—

- (a) on his male lineal descendants, if any, in the male line of descent, and,
- (b) failing such descendants, on his widow, if any, until she dies or re-marries or abandons the land or is under the provisions of this Act ejected therefrom, and,
- (c) failing such descendants and widow, or, if the deceased tenant left a widow, then when her interest terminates under clause (b) of this sub-section, on his male collateral relatives in the male line of descent from the common ancestor of the deceased tenant and those relatives:

Provided, with respect to clause (c) of this sub-section, that the common ancestor occupied the land.

(2) As among descendants and collateral relatives claiming under sub-section (1), the right shall, subject to the provisions of that sub-section, devolve as if it were land left by the deceased in the village in which the land subject to the right is situate.

(3) When the widow of a deceased tenant succeeds to a right of occupancy, she shall not transfer the right by sale, gift or mortgage, or by sub-lease for a term exceeding one year.

(4) If the deceased tenant has left no such persons as are mentioned in sub-section (1) on whom his right of occupancy may devolve under that sub-section, the right shall be extinguished.

*Irregular Transfers.*

60. Any transfer made of a right of occupancy in contravention of the foregoing provisions of this Chapter shall be voidable at the instance of the landlord.

## CHAPTER VI.

## IMPROVEMENTS AND COMPENSATION.

*Improvements by Landlords.*

61. (1) Without the previous permission of the Collector a landlord shall not make an improvement on the tenancy of a tenant having a right of occupancy.

(2) If a landlord desires to make such an improvement he may apply to the Collector for permission to make it, and the Collector shall, before making an order on the application, hear the objection, if any, of the tenant.

(3) In making an order on an application under sub-section (2) the Collector shall be guided by such rules, if any, as the Local Government may, with the previous sanction of the Governor General in Council, make in this behalf.

62. (1) When a landlord has, with the permission mentioned in the last foregoing section, made an improvement on the tenancy of a tenant having a right of occupancy, he may apply to the Collector for an enhancement of the rent of the tenant.

(2) If the tenant is a tenant to whom section 20 applies, the Collector shall enhance his rent to the share or rates, or with reference to the rent in gross, as the case may be, paid by tenants, having a similar right of occupancy, for land of a similar description and with similar advantages.

(3) If the tenant is a tenant to whom section 23 applies, the Collector shall enhance his rent to such amount as the tenant would be liable to pay under that section if the land-revenue were reassessed.

(4) When the improvement ceases to exist, the Collector may, on the application of the tenant, reduce the tenant's rent,—

- (a) in the case of a tenant to whom sub-section (2) applies, to the share or rates, or with reference to the rent in gross, as the case may be, paid by tenants, having a similar right of occupancy, for land of a similar description and with similar advantages, and
- (b) in the case of a tenant to whom sub-section (3) applies, to such an amount as the tenant would be liable to pay if the land-revenue were reassessed.

(5) Sections 25 and 26 shall be construed as applying to an application under this section, and a suit shall not lie in any Court for any purpose for which an application might be made under this section.

*Improvements by Tenants.*

63. A tenant having a right of occupancy is entitled to make improvements on his tenancy.

64. (1) A tenant not having a right of occupancy may make improvements on his tenancy with the assent of his landlord.

(2) If at any time the question arises whether or not the landlord assented to the making of an improvement by a tenant not having a right of occupancy, the assent may be inferred from circumstances.

65. Improvements made by a tenant before the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to have been made in accordance with this Act, unless in the case of a tenant not having a right of occupancy it is shown that the improvement was made in contravention of a written agreement between him and his landlord.

66. A tenant ejected in execution of a decree, or in pursuance of a notice of ejectment, shall not be entitled to compensation for any improvement begun by him after the institution of the suit, or service of the notice, which resulted in his ejectment.

67. If a landlord tenders to a tenant a lease of his tenancy for a term of not less than twenty years from the date of the tender at the rent then paid by the tenant, or at such other rent as may be agreed on, the tender, if accepted by the tenant, shall bar any claim by him to compensation in respect of improvements previously made on the tenancy.



*The Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887.**(Chapter VI.—Improvements and Compensation.—Sections 68-74. Chapter VII.—Jurisdiction and Procedure.—Section 75.)*

**68.** Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Chapter, a tenant who has made an improvement on his tenancy in accordance with this Act shall not be ejected, and the rent payable by him shall not be enhanced, until he has received compensation for the improvement.

*Liability to pay compensation for improvements to tenant on ejectment or on enhancement of his rent.*

*Compensation for Disturbance of Clearing Tenants.*

**69. (1)** A tenant who has cleared and brought under cultivation waste-land in which he has not a right of occupancy shall, if ejected from that land, be entitled to receive from the landlord as compensation for disturbance, in addition to any compensation for improvements, a sum to be determined by a Revenue Court or Revenue-officer in accordance with the merits of the case, but not exceeding five years' rent of the land:

Provided that a tenant who is a joint owner of land to which this section applies shall not be entitled to compensation for disturbance on ejectment from the land or any part thereof.

(2) If rent has been paid for the land by division or apportionment of the produce, or by rates fixed with reference to the nature of the crops grown, or if no rent, or no rent other than the land-revenue of the land and the rates and cesses chargeable thereon, has been paid therefor, the compensation may be computed as if double the amount of the land-revenue of the land were the annual rent thereof.

*Procedure in determining Compensation.*

**70. (1)** In every suit by a tenant to contest his liability to ejectment or by a landlord to eject a tenant or to enhance his rent, the Court shall direct the tenant to file a statement of his claim, if any, to compensation for improvements or for disturbance and of the grounds thereof.

(2) If the Court decrees the ejectment of the tenant or the enhancement of his rent, it shall determine the amount of compensation, if any, due to the tenant, and shall stay execution of the decree until the landlord pays into Court that amount less any arrears of rent or costs proved to the satisfaction of the Court to be due to him from the tenant.

*Determination of compensation by Revenue-officers.*

- 71.** In either of the following cases, namely:—
- when a notice has been served on a tenant under section 44,
  - when a notice of ejectment has been served on a tenant under section 45 and the tenant has not instituted a suit to contest his liability to be ejected,

the tenant may apply to the Revenue-officer having authority to order his ejectment under section 44 or section 45, as the case may be, to determine the amount of compensation due to him for improvements or for disturbance, or for both, and the Revenue-officer shall determine the amount, if any, accordingly and stay the ejectment of the tenant until the landlord pays to the Revenue-officer the amount so determined less any arrears of rent or costs proved to the satisfaction of the Revenue-officer to be due to the landlord from the

**72.** In estimating the compensation to be awarded under this Chapter to a tenant for an improvement, the Court or Revenue-officer shall have regard to—

*Matters to be regarded in assessment of compensation for improvements.*

- the amount by which the value or the produce of the tenancy, or the value of that produce, is increased by the improvement;
- the condition of the improvement and the probable duration of its effects;
- the labour and capital required for the making of such an improvement;
- any reduction or remission of rent or other advantage allowed to the tenant by the landlord in consideration of the improvement; and
- in the case of a reclamation, or of the conversion of unirrigated into irrigated land, the length of time during which the tenant has had the benefit of the improvement.

**73. (1)** The compensation shall be made by payment in money, unless the parties agree that it be made in whole or in part by the grant of a beneficial lease of land or in some other way.

(2) If the parties so agree, the Court or Revenue-officer shall make an order accordingly.

*Relief in case of Ejectment before Determination of Compensation.*

**74. (1)** If from any cause the amount of compensation payable to a tenant—

- under this Chapter for improvements or disturbance; or
- under section 49 for the value of uncut or ungathered crops or the preparation of land for sowing,

has not been determined before the tenant is ejected, the ejectment shall not be invalidated by reason of the omission, but the Court or Revenue-officer which decreed or who ordered the ejectment may, on application made by the tenant within one year from the date of the ejectment, correct the omission by making in favour of the tenant an order for the payment to him by the landlord of such compensation as the Court or officer may determine the tenant to be entitled to.

(2) An order made under subsection (1) may be executed in the same manner as a decree for money may be executed by a Revenue Court.

## CHAPTER VII.

## JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE.

*Jurisdiction.*

**75. (1)** There shall be the same classes of Revenue-officers under this Act as under the Punjab Land-revenue Act, 1857, and, in the absence of any order of the Local Government to the contrary, a Revenue-officer of any class having jurisdiction within any local limits under that Act shall be a Revenue-officer of the same class having jurisdiction within the same local limits under



*The Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887.*  
(Chapter VII.—Jurisdiction and Procedure.—Sections 76-77.)

(2) The expressions "Collector" and "Financial Commissioner" have the same meaning in this Act as in the Punjab Land-revenue Act, 1887.

**76. (1)** The following applications and proceedings shall be disposed of by Revenue-officers as such, and no Court shall take cognizance of any dispute or matter with respect to which any such application or proceeding might be made or had:—

FIRST GROUP.

- (a) proceedings under section 27 for the adjustment of rents expressed in terms of the land-revenue;
- (b) proceedings relating to the remission and suspension of rent under section 30;
- (c) applications under section 43 for the ejectment of a tenant against whom a decree for an arrear of rent in respect of his tenancy has been passed and remains unsatisfied;
- (d) applications under section 45, sub-section (5), for the ejectment of a tenant on whom a notice of ejectment has been served and who has not instituted a suit to contest his liability to be ejected but has claimed compensation under section 71;
- (e) applications under section 53 or section 54 for the fixing of the value of a right of occupancy;
- (f) applications under section 53 or section 54 by landlords for possession of land the right of occupancy in which has become extinct;
- (g) proceedings under Chapter VI with respect to the award of compensation for improvements or disturbance;

SECOND GROUP.

- (h) applications under section 17 with respect to the division or apportionment of produce;
- (i) applications under section 45, sub-section (5), for the ejectment of a tenant on whom a notice of ejectment has been served and who has not instituted a suit to contest his liability to be ejected and has not claimed compensation under section 71;
- (j) applications for the determination—
  - (i) under section 49 of the rent payable for land occupied by crops sown or ungathered at the time of an order being made for the ejectment of a tenant, or
  - (ii) under section 49 or section 74 of the value of such crops or of the sum payable to the tenant for labour and capital expended by him in preparing land for sowing;

THIRD GROUP.

- (k) applications under section 31 by tenants to deposit rent;
- (l) applications under section 36 for service of notice of relinquishment;
- (m) applications under section 43 for service of notice of ejectment;

(n) applications under section 53 or section 54 for service of notice of intended transfer or of intended foreclosure or other enforcement of lien.

(2) Except as otherwise provided by any rule made by the Financial Commissioner in this behalf,—

- (a) a Collector or an Assistant Collector of the first grade may dispose of any of the applications and proceedings mentioned in sub-section (1);
- (b) an Assistant Collector of the second grade, not being a Nail-tahsildar, may dispose of any of the applications mentioned in the second and third groups of that sub-section; and
- (c) a Nail-tahsildar, when invested with the powers of an Assistant Collector of the second grade, may dispose of any of the applications mentioned in the third group of that sub-section.

**77. (1)** When a Revenue-officer is exercising jurisdiction with respect to any such suit as is described in sub-section (3), or with respect to an appeal or other proceeding arising out of any such suit, he shall be called a Revenue Court.

(2) There shall be the same classes of Revenue Courts as of Revenue-officers under this Act, and, in the absence of any order of the Local Government to the contrary, a Revenue-officer of any class having jurisdiction within any local limits under this Act shall be a Revenue Court of the same class having jurisdiction within the same local limits.

(3) The following suits shall be instituted in and heard and determined by Revenue Courts, and no other Court shall take cognizance of any dispute or matter with respect to which any such suit might be instituted:—

FIRST GROUP.

- (a) suits between landlord and tenant for enhancement or reduction of rent under section 24;
- (b) suits between landlord and tenant for addition to or abatement of rent under section 28 or for commutation of rent;
- (c) suits under section 34 for the determination of rent or other sum on the expiration of the term of an assessment of land-revenue;

SECOND GROUP.

- (d) suits by a tenant to establish a claim to a right of occupancy, or by a landlord to prove that a tenant has not such a right;
- (e) suits by a landlord to eject a tenant;
- (f) suits by a tenant under section 45 to contest liability to ejectment, when notice of ejectment has been served;
- (g) suits by a tenant under section 50 for recovery of possession or occupancy, or for compensation, or for both;
- (h) suits by a landlord to set aside a transfer made of a right of occupancy, or to dispossess a person to whom such a transfer has been made, or for both purposes;
- (i) any other suit between landlord and tenant arising out of the lease or condition on which a tenancy is held.



*The Punjab Tenancy Act, 1867.**(Chapter VII.—Jurisdiction and Procedure.—Sections 78-82.)*

- (j) suits for sums payable on account of village-revenue or village-expenses;
- (k) suits by a co-sharer in an estate or holding for a share of the profits thereof or for a settlement of accounts;
- (l) suits for the recovery of over-payments of rent or land-revenue or of any other demand for which a suit lies in a Revenue Court under this sub-section;
- (m) suits relating to the encroachments of kánungos, zaildars, inamdars or village-officers;

## THIRD GROUP.

- (n) suits by a landlord for arrears of rent or the money-equivalent of rent, or for sums recoverable under section 14;
  - (o) suits by a landowner to recover moneys claimed as due for the enjoyment of rights in or over land or in water, including rights of irrigation, rights over fisheries, rights of pasturage and forest-rights;
  - (p) suits for sums payable on account of land-revenue or of any other demand recoverable as an arrear of land-revenue under any enactment for the time being in force, and by a superior landowner for other sums due to him as such.
- (4) Except as otherwise provided by any rule made by the Financial Commissioner in this behalf,—

- (a) a Collector may hear and determine any of the suits mentioned in sub-section (3);
- (b) an Assistant Collector of the first grade may hear and determine any of the suits mentioned in the second and third groups of that sub-section, and, if he has by name been specially empowered in this behalf by the Local Government, any of the suits mentioned in the first group; and
- (c) an Assistant Collector of the second grade may hear and determine any of the suits mentioned in the third group.

*Administration Control.*

78. (1) The general superintendence and control over all other Revenue-officers and Revenue Courts shall be vested in, and all such officers and Courts shall be subordinate to, the Financial Commissioner.

(2) Subject to the general superintendence and control of the Financial Commissioner, a Commissioner shall control all other Revenue-officers and Revenue Courts in his division.

(3) Subject as aforesaid and to the control of the Commissioner, a Collector shall control all other Revenue-officers and Revenue Courts in his district.

79. (1) The Financial Commissioner or a Commissioner or Collector may by written order distribute, in such manner as he thinks fit, any business cognisable by any Revenue-officer or Revenue Court under his control.

(2) The Financial Commissioner or a Commissioner or Collector may withdraw any case pending before any Revenue-officer or Revenue Court under his control, and either dispose of it himself, or by written order refer it for disposal to any

other Revenue-officer or Revenue Court under his control.

(3) An order under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) shall not empower any Revenue-officer or Revenue Court to exercise any powers or deal with any business which he or it would not be competent to exercise or deal with within the local limits of his or its own jurisdiction.

*Appeal, Review and Revision.*

80. Subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules (hereunder, an appeal shall lie from an original or appellate order or decree made under this Act by a Revenue-officer or Revenue Court, as follows, namely:—

- (a) to the Collector when the order or decree is made by an Assistant Collector of either grade;
- (b) to the Commissioner when the order or decree is made by a Collector;
- (c) to the Financial Commissioner when the order or decree is made by a Commissioner;

*Provided that—*

- (i) an appeal from an order or decree made by an Assistant Collector of the first grade specially empowered by name in that behalf by the Local Government in a suit mentioned in the first group of sub-section (3) of section 77 shall lie to the Commissioner and not to the Collector;
- (ii) when an original order or decree is confirmed on first appeal, a further appeal shall not lie;
- (iii) when any such order or decree is modified or reversed on appeal by the Collector, the order or decree made by the Commissioner on further appeal, if any, to him shall be final.

81. The period of limitation for an appeal under the last foregoing section shall run from the date of the order or decree appealed against, and shall be as follows, that is to say:—

- (a) when the appeal lies to the Collector—thirty days;
- (b) when the appeal lies to the Commissioner—sixty days;
- (c) when the appeal lies to the Financial Commissioner—ninety days.

82. (1) A Revenue-officer, as such, may either of his own motion or on the application of any party interested, review, and on so reviewing modify, reverse or confirm any order passed by himself or by any of his predecessors in office:

*Provided as follows:—*

- (a) when a Commissioner or Collector thinks it necessary to review any order which he has not himself passed; and when a Revenue-officer of a class below that of Collector proposes to review any order whether passed by himself or by any of his predecessors in office, he shall first obtain the sanction of the Revenue-officer to whose control he is immediately subject;



*The Punjab Tenancy Act, 1867.*  
(Chapter VII.—Jurisdiction and Procedure.—Sections 83-88.)

(b) an application for review of an order shall not be entertained unless it is made within ninety days from the passing of the order, or unless the applicant satisfies the Revenue-officer that he had sufficient cause for not making the application within that period;

(c) an order shall not be modified or reversed unless reasonable notice has been given to the parties affected thereby to appear and be heard in support of the order;

(d) an order against which an appeal has been preferred shall not be reviewed.

(2) For the purposes of this section the Collector or shall be deemed to be the successor in office of any Revenue-officer of a lower class who has left the district or has ceased to exercise powers as a Revenue-officer, and to whom there is no successor in office.

(3) An appeal shall not lie from an order refusing to review, or confirming on review, a previous order.

83. In the computation of the period for an appeal from, or an application for the review of, an order under this Act, the limitation therefor shall be

Computation of periods limited for appeals and applications for review.

governed by the Indian Limitation Act, 1877.

84. (1) The Financial Commissioner may at any time call for the record of any case pending before, or disposed of by, any Revenue-officer or Revenue Court subordinate to him.

Power to call for, examine and revise proceedings of Revenue-officers and Revenue Courts.

(2) A Commissioner or Collector may call for the record of any case pending before, or disposed of by, any Revenue-officer or Revenue Court under his control.

(3) If in any case in which a Commissioner or Collector has called for a record he is of opinion that the proceedings taken or the order or decree made should be modified or reversed, he shall submit the record with his opinion on the case for the orders of the Financial Commissioner.

(4) If, after examining a record called for by himself under sub-section (1) or submitted to him under sub-section (3), the Financial Commissioner is of opinion that it is inexpedient to interfere with the proceedings or the order or decree, he shall pass an order accordingly.

(5) If, after examining the record, the Financial Commissioner is of opinion that it is expedient to interfere with the proceedings or the order or decree on any ground on which the Chief Court in the exercise of its revisional jurisdiction may under the law for the time being in force interfere with the proceedings or an order or decree of a Civil Court, he shall fix a day for hearing the case, and may, on that or any subsequent day to which he may adjourn the hearing or which he may appoint in this behalf, pass such order as he thinks fit in the case.

(6) Except when the Financial Commissioner fixes under sub-section (5) a day for hearing the case, no party has any right to be heard before the Financial Commissioner when exercising his powers under this section.

*Procedure.*

85. (1) The Local Government may make rules consistent with this Act for regulating the procedure of

Procedure of Revenue-officers.

Revenue-officers under this Act in cases in which a procedure is not prescribed by this Act.

(2) The rules may provide, among other matters, for the mode of enforcing orders of ejectment from, and delivery of possession of, immovable property, and rules providing for those matters may confer on a Revenue-officer all or any of the powers in regard to contempt, resistance and the like which a Civil Court may exercise in the execution of a decree whereby it has adjudged ejectment from, or delivery of possession of, such property.

(3) The rules may also provide for the mode of executing orders as to costs, and may adapt to proceedings under this Act all or any of the provisions of the Punjab Land-revenue Act, 1887, XVII of 1887, with respect to arbitration.

(4) Subject to the rules under this section, a Revenue-officer may refer any case which he is empowered to dispose of under this Act to another Revenue-officer for investigation and report, and may decide the case upon the report.

86. (1) Appearances before a Revenue-officer as such, and applications to persons by whom appearances may be made before Revenue-officers as such and not as Revenue Courts.

as such, and applications to and acts to be done before him, under this Act may be made or done—

(a) by the parties themselves, or

(b) by their recognized agents or a legal practitioner;

Provided that the employment of a recognized agent or legal practitioner shall not excuse the personal attendance of a party to any proceeding in any case in which personal attendance is specially required by an order of the officer.

(2) For the purposes of sub-section (1), recognized agents shall be such persons as the Local Government may by notification declare in this behalf.

(3) The fees of a legal practitioner shall not be allowed as costs in any proceeding before a Revenue-officer under this Act, unless that officer considers, for reasons to be recorded by him in writing, that the fees should be allowed.

87. (1) A Revenue-officer may give and apportion the costs of any proceeding under this Act in any manner he thinks fit;

Costs.

(2) But if he orders that the costs of any such proceeding shall not follow the event, he shall record his reasons for the order.

88. (1) The Local Government may, with the previous sanction of the Governor General in Council, make rules consistent with this Act for regulating the procedure of Revenue Courts in matters under this Act for which a procedure is not prescribed thereby, and may by any such rule direct that any provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure 1882 shall apply, with or without modification, to all or any classes of cases before those Courts.

Procedure of Revenue Courts.

(2) Until rules are made under sub-section (1), and subject to those rules when made and to the provisions of this Act,—

(a) the Code of Civil Procedure shall, so far as it is applicable, apply to all proceedings in Revenue Courts whether before or after decree; and



*The Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887.*  
(Chapter VII.—Jurisdiction and Procedure.—Sections 89-96.)

(8) the Financial Commissioner shall, in respect of those proceedings, be deemed to be the High Court within the meaning of that Code, and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, exercise, as regards the Courts under his control, all the powers of a High Court under the Code.

89. (1) A Revenue-officer or Revenue Court may summon any person whose attendance he or it considers necessary for the purpose of any application, suit or other business before him or it as a Revenue-officer or Revenue Court.

(2) A person so summoned shall be bound to appear at the time and place mentioned in the summons in person or, if the summons so allows, by his recognized agent or a legal practitioner.

(3) The person attending in obedience to the summons shall be bound to state the truth upon any matter respecting which he is examined or makes statements, and to produce such documents and other things relating to any such matter as the Revenue-officer or Revenue Court may require.

90. (1) A summons issued by a Revenue-officer or Revenue Court shall, if practicable, be served (a) personally on the person to whom it is addressed, or failing him on (b) his recognized agent or (c) an adult male member of his family who is residing with him.

(2) If service cannot be so made, or if acceptance of service so made is refused, the summons may be served by posting a copy thereof at the usual or last known place of residence of the person to whom it is addressed, or, if that person does not reside in the district in which the Revenue-officer is employed or the Revenue Court is held, and the case to which the summons relates has reference to land in that district, then by posting a copy of the summons on some conspicuous place in or near the estate wherein the land is situate.

(3) If the summons relates to a case in which persons having the same interest are so numerous that personal service on all of them is not reasonably practicable, it may, if the Revenue-officer or Revenue Court so directs, be served by delivery of a copy thereof to such of those persons as the officer or Court nominates in this behalf and by proclamation of the contents thereof for the information of the other persons interested.

(4) A summons may, if the Revenue-officer or Revenue Court so directs, be served on the person named therein, either in addition to, or in substitution for, any other mode of service, by forwarding the summons by post in a letter addressed to the person and registered under Part III of the Indian Post Office Act, 1866.

XIV of 1866.

(5) When a summons is so forwarded in a letter and it is proved that the letter was properly addressed and duly posted and registered, the officer or Court may presume that the summons was served at the time when the letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.

91. A notice, order or proclamation, or copy of any such document, issued by a Revenue-officer or Revenue Court for service on any person shall be served in the manner prescribed in the last foregoing section for the service of a summons.

92. When a proclamation relating to any land is issued by a Revenue-officer or Revenue Court, it shall, in addition to any other mode of publication which may be prescribed by any enactment for the time being in force, be made by beat of drum or other customary method, and by the posting of a copy thereof on a conspicuous place in or near the land to which it relates.

93. (1) Any number of tenants cultivating in the same estate may, in the discretion of the Revenue-officer or Revenue Court and subject to any rules which the Local Government may make in this behalf, be made parties to any proceeding under Chapter III;

(2) But a decree or order shall not be made in any such proceeding unless the Revenue-officer or Revenue Court is satisfied that all the parties thereto have had an opportunity of appearing and being heard.

(3) A decree or order made in any such proceeding shall specify the extent to which each of the tenants is affected thereby.

94. Nothing in section 124 of the Code of Civil Procedure, or in section 30 of the Punjab Municipal Act, 1854, shall be construed to apply to a suit of a class mentioned in section 77 of this Act.

95. (1) When a defendant admits that money is due from him on account of rent, but pleads that it is due not to the plaintiff but to a third person, the Court shall, except for special reasons to be recorded by it, refuse to take cognizance of the plea unless the defendant pays into Court the amount so admitted to be due.

(2) Where such a payment is made the Court shall forthwith cause notice of the payment to be served on the third person.

(3) Unless the third person within three months from the receipt of the notice institutes a suit against the plaintiff and therein obtains an order restraining payment of the money, it shall be paid to the plaintiff on his application to the Court therefor.

(4) Nothing in this section shall affect the right of any person to recover from the plaintiff money paid to him under sub-section (3).

(5) When a defendant pays money into Court under this section, the Court shall give the defendant a receipt, and the receipt so given shall operate as an acquittance in the same manner and to the same extent as if it had been given by the plaintiff or the third person, as the case may be.

96. A Court passing a decree for an arrear of rent may, on the oral application of the decreeholder, order execution thereof against the moveable property of the tenant, and against any about or ungathered crops on the tenancy in respect of which the arrear is decreed.



*The Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887.*  
(Chapter VII.—Jurisdiction and Procedure.—Sections 97-105.)

**97.** A tenant shall not during the continuance of his occupancy be liable to imprisonment on the application of his landlord in execution of a decree for an arrear of rent.

*Prohibition of imprisonment of tenants in execution of decrees for arrears of rent.*

**98.** (1) If, in any proceeding pending before a Revenue Court exercising original, appellate or revisional jurisdiction, it appears to the Court that any question in issue is more proper for decision by a Civil Court, the Revenue Court may, with the previous sanction of the Chief Court, if any, to the control of which it is immediately subject, require, by order in writing, any party to the proceeding to institute, within such time as it may fix in this behalf, a suit in the Civil Court for the purpose of obtaining a decision on the question, and, if he fails to comply with the requisition, may decide the question as it thinks fit.

*Power to refer party to Civil Court.*

(2) If the party institutes the suit in compliance with the requisition, the Revenue Court shall dispose of the proceeding pending before it in accordance with the final decision of the Civil Court of first instance or appeal, as the case may be.

**99.** (1) If the presiding officer of a Civil or Revenue Court in which a suit has been instituted doubts whether he is precluded from taking cognizance of the suit, he may refer the matter through the Divisional Judge or Commissioner, or, if he is a Divisional Judge or Commissioner, directly to the Chief Court.

*Power to refer to Chief Court questions as to jurisdiction.*

(2) On any such reference being made, the Chief Court may order the presiding officer either to proceed with the suit or to return the plaint for presentation in such other Court as it may in its order declare to be competent to take cognizance of the suit.

(3) The order of the Chief Court on any such reference shall be conclusive as against persons who are not parties to the suit as well as against persons who are parties thereto.

**100.** (1) In either of the following cases, namely:—

*Power of Chief Court to validate proceedings had under mistake as to jurisdiction.*

(a) if it appears to a Civil Court that a Court under its control has determined a suit of a class mentioned in section 77 which under the provisions of that section should have been heard and determined by a Revenue Court, or

(b) if it appears to a Revenue Court that a Court under its control has determined a suit which should have been heard by a Civil Court,

the Civil Court or Revenue Court, as the case may be, shall submit the record of the suit to the Chief Court.

(2) If on perusal of the record it appears to the Chief Court that the suit was so determined in good faith, and that the parties have not been prejudiced by the mistake as to jurisdiction, the Chief Court may order that the decree be registered in the Court which had jurisdiction.

(3) If it appears to the Chief Court, otherwise than on submission of a record under sub-section

(1), that a Civil Court under its control has determined a suit of a class mentioned in section 77 which under the provisions of that section should have been heard and determined by a Revenue Court, the Chief Court may pass any order which it might have passed if the record had been submitted to it under that sub-section.

(4) With respect to any proceeding subsequent to decree, the Chief Court may make such order for its registration in a Revenue Court or Civil Court as in the circumstances appears to be just and proper.

(5) An order of the Chief Court under this section shall be conclusive as against persons who were not parties to the suit or proceeding as well as against persons who were parties thereto, and the decree or proceeding to which the order relates shall have effect as if it had been made or had by the Court in which the order has required it to be registered.

(6) The provisions of this section shall apply to any suit instituted on or after the first day of November, 1884, and to proceedings arising out of any such suit.

*Miscellaneous.*

**101.** (1) An Assistant Collector may exercise his powers under this Act at any place within the limits of the district in which he is employed.

*Place of sitting.*

(2) Any other Revenue-officer or Revenue Court may only exercise his or its powers under this Act within the local limits of his or its jurisdiction.

**102.** (1) The Financial Commissioner, with the approval of the Local Government, shall publish in the local official Gazette before the commencement of each calendar year a list of days to be observed in that year as holidays by all or any Revenue-officers and Revenue Courts.

*Holidays.*

(2) A proceeding had before a Revenue-officer or Revenue Court on a day specified in the list as a day to be observed by the officer or Court as a holiday shall not be invalid by reason only of its having been had on that day.

**103.** When a Collector dies or is disabled from performing his duties, the Collector dying or being disabled, officer who succeeds temporarily to the chief executive administration of the district under any orders which may be generally or specially issued by the Local Government in this behalf shall be deemed to be a Collector under this Act.

**104.** When a Revenue-officer of any class who, either as such or as a Revenue-officer on a Revenue Court, has under the foregoing provisions of this Act any powers to be exercised in any local area is transferred from that local area to another as a Revenue-officer or Revenue Court of the same or a higher class, he shall continue to exercise those powers in that other local area, unless the Local Government otherwise directs or has otherwise directed.

*Retention of powers by Revenue-officers on transfer.*

**105.** (1) The Local Government may by notification confer on any person—

*Conferment of powers of Revenue-officer or Revenue Court.*

(a) all or any of the powers of a Financial Commissioner, Commissioner or Collector under this Act, or



*The Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887.*

(Chapter VII.—Jurisdiction and Procedure.—Sections 106-108. Chapter VIII.—Effect of this Act on Records-of-rights and Agreements.—Sections 109-110.)

(6) all or any of the powers with which an Assistant Collector of either grade is, or may be, invested thereunder,

and may by notification withdraw any powers so conferred.

(2) A person on whom powers are conferred under sub-section (1) shall exercise those powers within such local limits and in such classes of cases as the Local Government may direct, and, except as otherwise directed by the Local Government, shall for all purposes connected with the exercise thereof be deemed a Financial Commissioner, Commissioner, Collector or Assistant Collector, as the case may be.

(3) Before conferring powers on the Judge of a Civil Court under sub-section (1), the Local Government shall consult the Chief Court.

(4) If any of the powers of a Collector under section 78, section 79, section 80 or section 82 are conferred on an Assistant Collector, they shall, unless the Local Government by special order otherwise directs, be exercised by him subject to the control of the Collector.

106. (1) The Financial Commissioner may, in addition to the other rules which may be made by him under this Act, make rules, consistent with this Act and any other enactment for the time being in force,—

- (a) determining, notwithstanding anything in any record-of-rights, the number and amount of the instalments and the times by and at which rent is to be paid;
- (b) for the guidance of Revenue-officers in determining, for the purposes of this Act, the amount of the land-revenue of any land;
- (c) prescribing, for all or any of the territories to which this Act extends, the periods during which, in proceedings held under this Act, a Revenue-officer or Revenue Court is not, except for reasons of urgency to be recorded, to issue any process of arrest against a tenant or against a landowner who cultivates his own land;
- (d) regulating the procedure in cases where persons are entitled to inspect records of Revenue-offices or Revenue Courts, or to obtain copies of the same, and prescribing the fees payable for searches and copies;
- (e) prescribing forms for such books, entries, statistics and accounts as the Financial Commissioner thinks necessary to be kept, made or compiled in Revenue-offices or Revenue Courts or submitted to any authority;
- (f) declaring what shall be the language of any of these offices and Courts, and determining in what cases persons practising in those offices and Courts shall be permitted to address the presiding officers thereof in English; and
- (g) generally for the guidance of Revenue-officers and other persons in matters connected with the enforcement of this Act.

(2) Until rules are made under clause (a) of sub-section (1), rent shall be payable by the instalments and at the times by and at which it is now payable.

(3) Rules made by the Financial Commissioner under this or any other section of this Act shall not take effect until they have been sanctioned by the Local Government.

107. The power to make any rules under this Act is subject to the control of the Governor General in Council, and to the condition of the rules being made after previous publication.

108. All powers conferred by this Act on the Financial Commissioner may be exercised from time to time as occasion requires.

## CHAPTER VIII.

## EFFECT OF THIS ACT ON RECORDS-OF-RIGHTS AND AGREEMENTS.

109. An entry in any record-of-rights providing—

- (a) that a landlord may prevent a tenant from making, or eject him for making, such improvements on his tenancy as he is entitled to make under this Act, or
- (b) that a tenant ejected from his tenancy shall not be entitled to compensation for improvements or for disturbance in any case in which he would under this Act be entitled to compensation therefor, or
- (c) that a landlord may eject a tenant otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this Act,

shall be void to that extent.

110. (1) Nothing in any agreement made between a landlord and a tenant after the passing of this Act shall—

- (a) override any of the provisions of this Act with respect to the acquisition of a right of occupancy, or the reduction, remission or suspension of rent, or the enhancement of the rent of a tenant having a right of occupancy under section 8 or section 9, or
- (b) take away or limit the right of a tenant as determined by this Act to make improvements and claim compensation therefor, or, where compensation for disturbance can be claimed under this Act, to claim such compensation, or
- (c) entitle a landlord to eject a tenant otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(2) Nothing in clause (a) of sub-section (1) shall apply to an agreement by which a tenant binds himself to pay an enhanced rent in consideration of an improvement which has been, or is to be, made in respect of his tenancy by, or at the expense of, his landlord, and to the benefit of which the tenant is not otherwise entitled.



*The Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887.*  
(Chapter VIII.—Effect of this Act on Records-of-rights and Agreements.—  
Sections 111-112. The Schedule.—Enactments repealed.)

111. Save as expressly provided in this Act, nothing in this Act shall affect the operation of any agreement between a landlord and a tenant, when the agreement either is in writing or has been recorded in a record-of-rights before the passing of the Punjab Land-revenue Act, 1857, or been entered by order of a Revenue-officer in a record-of-rights or annual record under the provisions of that Act.

112. An entry made with respect to any of the following matters before the eighteenth day of November, 1871, and attested by the proper officer, in the record of a regular settlement sanctioned by the Local Government, namely:—

- (a) the enhancement or abatement of the rent of a tenant having a right of occupancy, or the commutation of rent in kind into rent in money or of rent in money into rent in kind, or the taking of rent in kind by division or apportionment of the produce or other procedure of a like nature, or
- (b) the letting or under-letting of land in which there is a right of occupancy by the tenant having that right, or the alienation of or succession to land in which such a right subsists,

shall be deemed to be an agreement within the meaning of the last foregoing section.

**THE SCHEDULE.**

(See section 2.)

**ENACTMENTS REPEALED.**

Number and year.	Title.	Extent of repeal.
1	2	3
<i>Acts of the Governor General in Council.</i>		
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VIII of 1873.	Northern India Canal and Drainage Act.	Sections 40 to 43, both inclusive.
XIV of 1875.	Punjab Judicial Administration Act.	So much as has not been repealed.
XVIII of 1884.	Punjab Courts Act.	Section 3, clauses (1), (2), (f), (5), (6) and (7); the whole of Chapter V; the last seventeen words of subsection (1) of section 67; section 70 so far as regards Revenue Courts; and section 75.

S. HARVEY JAMES,

Secretary to the Government of India.

The following further Report of the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the law relating to the Tenancy of Land in the Punjab was presented to the Council of the Governor-General of India for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations on the 7th September, 1887:

We, the undersigned, Members of the Select Committee to which the Bill to amend the Law relating to the Tenancy of Land in the Punjab was re-committed, have re-considered the Bill and have now the honour to submit this further Report. The alterations which we have made are indicated in italics in the revised Bill annexed to this Report.

2. We have converted the provisions of the Bill relating to the operation of records-of-rights and agreements into a separate Chapter at the end of the Bill. In re-arranging these provisions we have in some respects followed more closely the language of the Punjab Tenancy Act, 1868.

3. The addition which we have made to the definition of "land," in section 4 has reference to water-mills, which in some cases would not be covered by the word "buildings". We have also brought the definition of "land-revenue" more nearly into accord with the definition of that term in the Land-revenue Bill.

4. On the suggestion of the Hon'ble Nawab Nawazish Ali Khan, we have proposed that, where a right of occupancy under clause (c) of section II of the Act of 1868 does not already exist at the time when the Act of 1887 comes into force, it shall not be acquired under section 5 of the latter Act if the landlord can prove that the tenant was settled on land previously cleared and brought under cultivation by or at the expense of the person by whom he was settled thereon.

5. On the suggestion of the same gentleman we have provided in sections 13, 20, 21 and 62 for the case, which occasionally occurs in the Punjab, of rents in gross being payable in kind.

6. In section 24 we have provided for rent being enhanced at any time on the extension of irrigation to land previously dry.

7. In section 27 we have provided for the case of an alteration of rates and cesses as well as of land-revenue.

8. In section 60 we have proposed that an irregular transfer of a right of occupancy be only voidable at the instance of the landlord instead of being absolutely void.

9. We have made section 71 applicable not only to a tenant from year to year on whom a notice has been served under section 46, but also to any tenant on whom a notice has been served under section 44.



10. In section ■ we have proposed to make the revisional powers of the Financial Commissioner over the proceedings of Revenue Courts and Revenue-officers co-extensive with those for the time being exercisable by the Chief Court over the proceedings of Civil Courts.

11. The other amendments are not such as to call for remark.

12. The Bill (No. II) and Report were published in English in the Gazette of India of the 30th July, 1887, and in the Punjab Government Gazette of the 4th August, 1887, and are to be published in Urdu in the Punjab Urdu Gazette of the 8th instant.

13. The Bill has not, in our opinion, been so altered as to require re-publication, and we recommend that it be passed as amended by us.

E. G. WACE.

ANDREW R. SCODLE.

J. B. PEILE.

J. W. QUINTON.

*The 7th September, 1887.*

S. HARVEY JAMES,

*Secretary to the Government of India.*



## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

## LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The following Act of the Governor-General of India in Council received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the 23rd September, 1887, and is hereby promulgated for general information:

ACT NO. XVII OF 1887.

THE PUNJAB LAND-REVENUE  
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*An Act to amend and declare the Land-revenue Law of the Punjab.*

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend and declare the law in force in the Punjab with respect to the making and maintenance of records-of-rights in land, the assessment and collection of land-revenue, and other matters relating to land and the liabilities incident thereto; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

## CHAPTER I.

## PRELIMINARY.

Title, extent and commencement. 1. (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Land-revenue Act, 1857.

(2) It extends to the territories for the time being administered by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, including the pargana of Spiti, but not so as to affect, otherwise than as expressly provided by this Act, any Regulation in force under the provisions of the Statute 33 Victoria, chapter 3, section 1, in any portion of those territories; and

(3) It shall come into force on such day as the Local Government, with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, may by notification appoint in this behalf.

(4) Any power conferred by this Act on the Financial Commissioner to make rules, and on the Local Government to sanction them, may be



*The Punjab Land-revenue Act, 1887.*  
(Chapter I.—Preliminary.—Sections 2-5.)

exercised at any time after the passing of this Act, but a rule so made shall not take effect till the commencement of this Act.

2. (1) The enactments mentioned in the schedule are repealed to the extent specified in the third column thereof.

(2) But all rules, appointments, assessments and transfers made, notifications and proclamations issued, authorities and powers conferred, farms and leases granted, records-of-rights and other records framed, revised or confirmed, rights acquired, liabilities incurred, times and places appointed and other things done under any of the repealed enactments shall, so far as may be, be deemed to have been respectively made, issued, conferred, granted, framed, revised, confirmed, acquired, incurred, appointed and done under this Act.

(3) Any enactment or document referring to any enactment hereby repealed shall be construed as referring to this Act.

3. In this Act, unless there is something repugnant in the subject or context,—

(1) "estate" means any area—

(a) for which a separate record-of-rights has been made; or

(b) which has been separately assessed to land-revenue, or would have been so assessed if the land-revenue had not been released, compounded for or redeemed; or

(c) which the Local Government may, by general rule or special order, declare to be an estate;

(2) "landowner" does not include a tenant or an assignee of land-revenue, but does include a person to whom a holding has been transferred, or an estate or holding has been let in farm, under this Act for the recovery of an arrear of land-revenue or of a sum recoverable as such an arrear, and every other person not hereinbefore in this clause mentioned who is in possession of an estate or any share or portion thereof, or in the enjoyment of any part of the profits of an estate;

(3) "holding" means a share or portion of an estate held by one landowner or jointly by two or more landowners;

(4) "rent", "tenant", "landlord" and "tenancy" have the meanings respectively assigned to those words in the Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887;

(5) "pay", with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, includes, when used with reference to rent, "deliver" and "render", with their grammatical variations and cognate expressions;

(6) "land-revenue" includes assigned land-revenue and any sum payable in respect of land, by way of quit-rent or of commutation for service, to the Government or to a person to whom the Government has assigned the right to receive the payment;

(7) "arrear of land-revenue" means land-revenue which remains unpaid after the date on which it becomes payable;

(8) "defaulter" means a person liable for the payment of land-revenue, and includes a person

who is responsible as surety for the payment of the arrear;

(9) "rates and cesses" means rates and cesses which are primarily payable by landowners, and includes—

(a) the local rate, if any, payable under the Punjab Local Rates Act, 1878; V of 1878.

(b) the local rate, if any, payable under the Punjab District Boards Act, 1883, and any fee leviable under section 34 of that Act from landowners for the use of or benefits derived from such works as are referred to in section 30, clauses (i) and (j), of that Act; XX of 1883.

(c) any annual rate chargeable on owners of lands under section 52 of the Northern India Canal and Drainage Act, 1873; VIII of 1873.

(d) the *zaildari* and village-officers' cesses; and

(e) sums payable on account of village expenses;

(10) "village-cess" includes any cess, contribution or due which is customarily leviable within an estate and is neither a payment for the use of private property or for personal service nor imposed by or under any enactment for the time being in force;

(11) "village-officer" means a chief-headman, headman or *patwari*;

(12) "Revenue-officer", in any provision of this Act, means a Revenue-officer having authority under this Act to discharge the functions of a Revenue-officer under that provision;

(13) "legal practitioner" means any legal practitioner within the meaning of the Legal Practitioners Act, 1879, except a *mukhtar*; XVIII of 1879.

(14) "agricultural year" means the year commencing on the sixteenth day of June, or on such other date as the Local Government may by notification appoint for any local area;

(15) "notification" means a notification published by authority of the Local Government in the official Gazette;

(16) "incumbrance" means a charge upon or claim against land arising out of a private grant or contract; and

(17) "survey-mark" includes boundary-mark.

4. (1) Except so far as may be necessary for the recording of certain record, recovery and administration of certain ration of village-cesses, Act. nothing in this Act applies to land which is occupied as the site of a town or village and is not assessed to land-revenue.

(2) A Revenue-officer may define for the purposes of this Act the limits of any such land.

5. The Local Government may by notification vary the limits of the *tahsil*, districts and divisions into which the territories administered by it are divided, and may by notification alter the number of those *tahsils* and, with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, the number of those districts and divisions.



*The Punjab Land-revenue Act, 1887.*  
(Chapter II.—Revenue-officers.—Sections 6-12.)

CHAPTER II.

REVENUE-OFFICERS.

*Classes and Powers.*

6. (1) There shall be the following classes of Revenue-officers, namely:—

- (a) the Financial Commissioner;
- (b) the Commissioner;
- (c) the Collector;
- (d) the Assistant Collector of the first grade; and

(e) the Assistant Collector of the second grade.

(2) The Deputy Commissioner of a district shall be the Collector thereof.

(3) The Local Government may appoint any Assistant Commissioner, Extra Assistant Commissioner or Tahsildar to be an Assistant Collector of the first or of the second grade, as it thinks fit, and any Naib-tahsildar to be an Assistant Collector of the second grade.

(4) Appointments under sub-section (2) shall be by notification, and may be of a person specially by name or by virtue of his office or of more persons than one by any description sufficient for their identification.

(5) Subject to the provisions of this Act the jurisdiction of the Financial Commissioner extends to the whole of the territories for the time being administered by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, and of Commissioners and of Collectors and Assistant Collectors to the divisions and districts respectively in which they are for the time being employed.

7. (1) There shall be one or more Financial Commissioners, who shall be appointed, and may be removed, by the Local Government with the previous sanction of the Governor General in Council.

(2) Where more Financial Commissioners than one have been appointed, the Local Government may make rules as to the distribution among them of business under this or any other Act, and by those rules require any case or class or classes of cases to be considered and disposed of by the Financial Commissioners collectively.

(3) When there is a difference of opinion among the Financial Commissioners as to any decree or order to be made in a case which they are required by rules under the last foregoing sub-section to consider and dispose of collectively, the following rules shall apply, namely:—

- (a) where the case is an appeal or a case on review or revision, it shall be decided in accordance with the opinion of the majority of the Financial Commissioners, or, if there is no such majority which concurs in a decision modifying or reversing the decree or order under appeal, review or revision, that decree or order shall be affirmed; and

- (b) where the case is not an appeal or a case on review or revision, the matter respecting which there is the difference of opinion shall be referred to the Local Government for decision, and the decision of that Government with respect thereto shall be final.

(4) The expression "Financial Commissioner" in this or any other Act shall, when there are more Financial Commissioners than one, be construed as meaning one or more of the Financial Commissioners as the rules for the time being in force under sub-section (2) may require.

(5) The second Financial Commissioner appointed under section 52 of the Punjab Courts Act, 1884, shall be deemed to have had jurisdiction on and after the first day of November, 1884, to make any decree or order or dispose of any other business which might have been made or disposed of by the other Financial Commissioner.

8. Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners and Extra Assistant Commissioners shall be appointed and may be removed by the Local Government.

9. The Local Government shall fix the number of Tahsildars and Naib-tahsildars to be appointed, and the Financial Commissioner may make rules for their appointment and removal.

10. Except where the class of the Revenue-officer by whom any function is to be discharged is specified in this Act, the Local Government may by notification determine the functions to be discharged under this Act by any class of Revenue-officers.

*Administrative Control.*

11. (1) The Financial Commissioner shall be Superintendence and subject to the control of the Local Government.

(2) The general superintendence and control over all other Revenue-officers shall be vested in, and all such officers shall be subordinate to, the Financial Commissioner.

(3) Subject to the general superintendence and control of the Financial Commissioner, a Commissioner shall control all other Revenue-officers in his division.

(4) Subject as aforesaid and to the control of the Commissioner, a Collector shall control all other Revenue-officers in his district.

12. (1) The Financial Commissioner or a Commissioner or Collector may by written order distribute, in any business cognizable by any Revenue-officer under his control.

(2) The Financial Commissioner or a Commissioner or Collector may withdraw any case pending before any Revenue-officer under his control, and either dispose of it himself, or by written order refer it for disposal to any other Revenue-officer under his control.

(3) An order under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) shall not empower any officer to exercise any powers or deal with any business which he would not be competent to exercise or deal with within the local limits of his own jurisdiction.



*The Punjab Land-revenue Act, 1887.*  
(Chapter II.—Revenue-officers.—Sections 13-18.)

*Appeal, Review and Revision.*

**13.** Save as otherwise provided by this Act, an appeal shall lie from an original or appellate order of Revenue-officer as follows, namely:—

- (a) to the Collector when the order is made by an Assistant Collector of either grade;
- (b) to the Commissioner when the order is made by a Collector;
- (c) to the Financial Commissioner when the order is made by a Commissioner:

Provided that—

- (i) when an original order is confirmed on first appeal, a further appeal shall not lie;
- (ii) when any such order is modified or reversed on appeal by the Collector, the order made by the Commissioner on further appeal, if any, to him shall be final.

**14.** Save as otherwise provided by this Act, the period of limitation for an appeal under the last foregoing section shall run from the date of the order appealed against, and shall be as follows, that is to say:—

- (a) when the appeal lies to the Collector—thirty days;
- (b) when the appeal lies to the Commissioner—sixty days;
- (c) when the appeal lies to the Financial Commissioner—ninety days.

**15. (1)** A Revenue-officer may, either of his own motion or on the application of any party interested, review, and on so reviewing modify, reverse or confirm, any order passed by himself or by any of his predecessors in office:

*Review by Revenue-officers.*

Provided as follows:

- (a) when a Commissioner or Collector thinks it necessary to review any order which he has not himself passed, and when a Revenue-officer of a class below that of Collector proposes to review any order, whether passed by himself or by any of his predecessors in office, he shall first obtain the sanction of the Revenue-officer to whose control he is immediately subject;
- (b) an application for review of an order shall not be entertained unless it is made within ninety days from the passing of the order, or unless the applicant satisfies the Revenue-officer that he had sufficient cause for not making the application within that period;
- (c) an order shall not be modified or reversed unless reasonable notice has been given to the parties affected thereby to appear and be heard in support of the order;
- (d) an order against which an appeal has been preferred shall not be reviewed.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the Collector shall be deemed to be the successor in office of any Revenue-officer of a lower class who has left the district or has ceased to exercise powers as a Revenue-officer, and to whom there is no successor in office.

(3) An appeal shall not lie from an order reviewing, modifying or confirming, or setting aside a proceeding.

**16. (1)** The Financial Commissioner may at any time call for the record of any case pending before, or disposed of by, any Revenue-officer subordinate to him.

(2) A Commissioner or Collector may call for the record of any case pending before, or disposed of by, any Revenue-officer under his control.

(3) If in any case in which a Commissioner or Collector has called for a record he is of opinion that the proceedings taken or order made should be modified or reversed, he shall report the case with his opinion thereon for the orders of the Financial Commissioner.

(4) The Financial Commissioner may in any case called for by himself under sub-section (1) or reported to him under sub-section (3) pass such order as he thinks fit:

Provided that he shall not under this section pass an order reversing or modifying any proceeding or order of a subordinate Revenue-officer and affecting any question of right between private persons without giving those persons an opportunity of being heard.

*Procedure.*

**17. (1)** The Local Government may make rules consistent with this Act for regulating the procedure of Revenue-officers under this Act in cases in which a procedure is not prescribed by this Act.

(2) The rules may provide, among other matters, for the mode of enforcing orders of ejectment from, and delivery of possession of, immovable property, and rules providing for those matters may confer on a Revenue-officer all or any of the powers in regard to contempt, resistance and the like which a Civil Court may exercise in the execution of a decree whereby it has adjudged ejectment from, or delivery of possession of, such property.

(3) Subject to the rules under this section, a Revenue-officer may refer any case which he is empowered to dispose of under this Act to another Revenue-officer for investigation and report, and may decide the case upon the report.

**18. (1)** Appearances before a Revenue-officer, and applications to and acts to be done before him, under this Act may be made or done—

- (a) by the parties themselves, or
- (b) by their recognized agents or a legal practitioner:

Provided that the employment of a recognized agent or legal practitioner shall not excuse the personal attendance of a party to any proceeding in any case in which personal attendance is specially required by an order of the officer.

(2) For the purposes of sub-section (1), recognized agents shall be such persons as the Local Government may by notification declare in this behalf.

(3) The fees of a legal practitioner shall not be allowed as costs in any proceeding before a Revenue-officer under this Act unless that officer considers, for reasons to be recorded by him in writing, that the fees should be allowed.



*The Punjab Land-revenue Act, 1887.*  
(Chapter II.—Revenue-officers.—Sections 19-27. Chapter III.—Kāwāngos,  
Zaildārs, Ināmdārs and Village-officers.—Section 28.)

19. (1) A Revenue-officer may summon any person whose attendance he considers necessary for the purpose of any business before him as a Revenue-officer.

(2) A person so summoned shall be bound to appear at the time and place mentioned in the summons in person or, if the summons so allows, by his recognized agent or a legal practitioner.

(3) The person attending in obedience to the summons shall be bound to state the truth upon any matter respecting which he is examined or makes statements, and to produce such documents and other things relating to any such matter as the Revenue-officer may require.

20. (1) A summons issued by a Revenue-officer shall, if practicable, be served  
Mode of service of summons. (a) personally on the person to whom it is addressed, or failing him on (b) his recognized agent or (c) an adult male member of his family usually residing with him.

(2) If service cannot be so made, or if acceptance of service so made is refused, the summons may be served by posting a copy thereof at the usual or last known place of residence of the person to whom it is addressed, or, if that person does not reside in the district in which the Revenue-officer is employed and the case to which the summons relates has reference to land in that district, then by posting a copy of the summons on some conspicuous place in or near the estate wherein the land is situate.

(3) If the summons relates to a case in which persons having the same interest are so numerous that personal service on all of them is not reasonably practicable, it may, if the Revenue-officer so directs, be served by delivery of a copy thereof to such of those persons as the Revenue-officer nominates in this behalf and by proclamation of the contents thereof for the information of the other persons interested.

(4) A summons may, if the Revenue-officer so directs, be served on the person named therein, either in addition to, or in substitution for, any other mode of service, by forwarding the summons by post in a letter addressed to the person and registered under Part III of the Indian Post Office Act, 1860.

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(5) When a summons is so forwarded in a letter and it is proved that the letter was properly addressed and duly posted and registered, the Revenue-officer may presume that the summons was served at the time when the letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.

21. A notice, order or proclamation, or copy of any such document, issued by a Revenue-officer for service on any person shall be served in the manner provided in the last foregoing section for the service of a summons.

22. When a proclamation relating to any land is issued by a Revenue-officer, it shall, in addition to any other mode of publication which may be prescribed in any provision of this Act, be made by beat of drum or other customary method, and by the posting of a copy thereof on a conspicuous place in or near the land to which it relates.

*Supplemental Provisions.*

23. (1) An Assistant Collector may exercise his powers under this Act at any place within the limits of the district in which he is employed.

(2) Any other Revenue-officer may only exercise his powers under this Act within the local limits of his jurisdiction.

24. (1) The Financial Commissioner, with the approval of the Local Government, shall publish in the local official Gazette before the commencement of each calendar year a list of days to be observed in that year as holidays by all or any Revenue-officers.

(2) A proceeding had before a Revenue-officer on a day specified in the list as a day to be observed by him as a holiday shall not be invalid by reason only of its having been had on that day.

25. When a Collector dies or is disabled from performing his duties, the Collector dying or being disabled. officer who succeeds temporarily to the chief executive administration of the district under any orders which may be generally or specially issued by the Local Government in this behalf shall be deemed to be a Collector under this Act.

26. When a Revenue-officer of any class who has been invested under the foregoing provisions of this Act with any powers to be exercised in any local area is transferred from that local area to another as a Revenue-officer of the same or a higher class, he shall continue to exercise those powers in that other local area unless the Local Government otherwise directs or has otherwise directed.

27. (1) The Local Government may by notification confer on any person—

(a) all or any of the powers of a Financial Commissioner, Commissioner or Collector under this Act, or

(b) all or any of the powers with which an Assistant Collector may be invested thereunder,

and may by notification withdraw any powers so conferred.

(2) A person on whom powers are conferred under sub-section (1) shall exercise those powers within such local limits and in such classes of cases as the Local Government may direct, and, except as otherwise directed by the Local Government, shall for all purposes connected with the exercise thereof be deemed to be a Financial Commissioner, Commissioner, Collector or Assistant Collector, as the case may be.

(3) If any of the powers of a Collector under this Act are conferred on an Assistant Collector, they shall, unless the Local Government by special order otherwise directs, be exercised by him subject to the control of the Collector.

**CHAPTER III.**

**Kāwāngos, Zaildārs, Ināmdārs and Village-officers.**

28. (1) The Financial Commissioner may make rules to regulate the appointments, duties, emoluments, punishment, suspension and removal of Kāwāngos, Zaildārs, Ināmdārs and Village-officers.



*The Punjab Land-revenue Act, 1887.*

(Chapter III.—*Kāndūgos, Zaildars, Indmaddas and Village-officers.*—Sections 29-30. Chapter IV.—*Records.*—Sections 31-34.)

(2) Rules under sub-section (1) may direct that the emoluments of a zaildār, indmaddar or village-officer shall be such a percentage payable out of the land-revenue as may be prescribed by the rules, and that, where the land-revenue has been released, compounded for or redeemed, the percentage shall be a charge payable by the person who would be liable for the land-revenue if it had not been released, compounded for or redeemed.

29. (1) The Local Government may by notification impose on any estate, or on all or any estates in any local area, a cess, to be called the village-officers' cess, at a rate not exceeding one anna for every rupee of the annual value, for remunerating village-officers and for defraying other expenditure directly connected with the supervision of those officers or with the performance of their duties.

(2) "Annual value" in the last foregoing sub-section has the meaning assigned to that expression in the Punjab District Boards Act, 1883.

(3) The Financial Commissioner may make rules for the collection, control and expenditure of the village-officers' cess.

(4) All cesses now levied in any local area for the purpose mentioned in sub-section (1) shall be deemed to have been lawfully imposed and shall, until the village officers' cess is imposed in that local area under that sub-section, be deemed to be lawfully leviable and, for the purposes of this section, to be that cess.

30. (1) The emoluments of a kāndūgo, zaildār, indmaddar or village-officer shall not be liable to attachment in execution of a decree or order of any Civil or Revenue Court.

(2) An assignment of, or charge on, or an agreement to assign or charge, any such emoluments shall be void unless it is authorised by rules made by the Financial Commissioner in this behalf.

## CHAPTER IV.

## RECORDS.

*Records-of-rights and Annual Records.*

31. (1) Save as otherwise provided by this Chapter, there shall be a record-of-rights for each estate.

(2) The record-of-rights for an estate shall include the following documents, namely:—

(a) statements showing, so far as may be practicable,—

(i) the persons who are landowners, tenants or assignees of land-revenue in the estate, or who are entitled to receive any of the rents, profits or produce of the estate or to occupy land therein;

(ii) the nature and extent of the interests of those persons, and the conditions and liabilities attaching thereto; and

(iii) the rent, land-revenue, rates, cesses or other payments due from and to each of those persons, and to the Government.

(b) a statement of customs respecting rights and liabilities in the estate;

(c) a map of the estate; and

(d) such other documents as the Financial Commissioner may, with the previous sanction of the Local Government, prescribe.

32. (1) When it appears to the Local Government that a record-of-rights for an estate does not exist, or that the existing record-of-rights for an estate requires special revision, the Local Government may by notification direct that a record-of-rights be made or that the record-of-rights be specially revised, as the case may be.

(2) The notification may direct that records-of-rights shall be made or specially revised for all or any estates in any local area.

(3) A record-of-rights made or specially revised for an estate under this section shall be deemed to be the record-of-rights for the estate, but shall not affect any presumption in favour of the Government which has already arisen from any previous record-of-rights.

33. (1) The Collector shall cause to be prepared by the patwāri of each estate yearly, or at such other intervals as the Financial Commissioner may prescribe, an edition of the record-of-rights amended in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) This edition of the record-of-rights shall be called the annual record for the estate, and shall comprise the statements mentioned in sub-section (2), clause (a), of section 31 and such other documents, if any, as the Financial Commissioner may, with the previous sanction of the Local Government, prescribe.

(3) For the purposes of the preparation of the annual record, the Collector shall cause to be kept up by the patwāri of each estate a register of mutations and such other registers as the Financial Commissioner may prescribe.

*Procedure for making Records.*

34. (1) Any person acquiring, by inheritance, purchase, mortgage, gift or otherwise, any right in an estate as a landowner, assignee of land-revenue or tenant having a right of occupancy, shall report his acquisition of the right to the patwāri of the estate.

(2) If the person acquiring the right is a minor or otherwise disqualified, his guardian or other person having charge of his property shall make the report to the patwāri.

(3) The patwāri shall enter in his register of mutations every report made to him under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), and shall also make an entry therein respecting the acquisition of any such right as aforesaid which he has reason to believe to have taken place and of which a report should have been made to him under one or other of those sub-sections and has not been so made.

(4) A Revenue-officer shall from time to time inquire into the correctness of all entries in the



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(Chapter IV.—Records.—Sections 35-43.)

register of mutations and into all such acquisitions as aforesaid coming to his knowledge of which, under the foregoing sub-sections, report should have been made to the patwari and entry made in that register, and shall in each case make such order as he thinks fit with respect to the entry in the annual record of the right acquired.

(5) Such an entry shall be made by the insertion in that record of a description of the right acquired and by the omission from that record of any entry in any record previously prepared which by reason of the acquisition has ceased to be correct.

**35.** The acquisition of any interest in land other than a right referred to in sub-section (1) of the last foregoing section shall,—

*Making of that part of the annual record which relates to other persons.*

(a) if it is undisputed, be recorded by the patwari in such manner as the Financial Commissioner may by rules in this behalf prescribe; and,

(b) if it is disputed, be entered by the patwari in the register of mutations and dealt with in the manner prescribed in sub-sections (4) and (5) of the last foregoing section.

**36.** (1) If during the making, revision or preparation, or in the course of any inquiry under this Chapter a dispute arises as to any matter of which an entry is to be made in a record or in a register of mutations, a Revenue-officer may of his own motion, or on the application of any party interested, but subject to the provisions of the next following section, and after such inquiry as he thinks fit, determine the entry to be made as to that matter.

(2) If in any such dispute the Revenue-officer is unable to satisfy himself as to which of the parties thereto is in possession of any property to which the dispute relates, he shall ascertain by summary inquiry who is the person best entitled to the property, and shall by order direct that that person be put in possession thereof, and that an entry in accordance with that order be made in the record or register.

(3) A direction of a Revenue-officer under sub-section (2) shall be subject to any decree or order which may be subsequently passed by any Court of competent jurisdiction.

**37.** Entries in records-of-rights or in annual records, except entries made in annual records by patwaris under clause (a) of section

*Restrictions on variation of entries in records.*

35 with respect to undisputed acquisitions of interests referred to in that section, shall not be varied in subsequent records otherwise than by—

(a) making entries in accordance with facts proved or admitted to have occurred;

(b) making such entries as are agreed to by all the parties interested therein or are supported by a decree or order binding on those parties;

(c) making new maps where it is necessary to make them.

**38.** (1) The Local Government may, fix a scale of fees for all or any classes of entries in any record or register under this Chapter and for copies of any such entries.

*Mutation-fees.*

(2) A fee in respect of an entry shall be payable by the person in whose favour the entry is made.

**39.** Any person neglecting to make the report required by section 34 within three months from the date of his acquisition of a right referred to in that section shall be liable, at the discretion of the Collector, to a fine not exceeding five times the amount of the fee which would have been payable according to the scale fixed under the last foregoing section if the acquisition of the right had been reported immediately after its accrual.

*Penalty for neglect to report acquisition of any right referred to in section 34.*

**40.** Any person whose rights, interests or liabilities are required to be entered in any record under this Chapter shall be bound to furnish, on the requisition of any Revenue-officer or village-officer engaged in compiling the record, all information necessary for the correct compilation thereof.

*Obligation to furnish information necessary for the preparation of records.*

*Rights of the Government and presumptions with respect thereto and to other matters.*

**41.** All mines of metal and coal, and all earth-oil and gold-washings, shall be deemed to be the property of the Government, and the Government shall have all powers necessary for the proper enjoyment of its right thereto.

**42.** (1) When in any record-of-rights completed before the eighteenth day of November, 1871, it is not expressly provided that any forest, quarry, unclaimed, unoccupied, deserted or waste land, spontaneous produce or other accessory interest in land belongs to the landowners, it shall be presumed to belong to the Government.

(2) When in any record-of-rights completed after that date it is not expressly provided that any forest or quarry or any such land or interest belongs to the Government, it shall be presumed to belong to the landowners.

(3) The presumption created by sub-section (1) may be rebutted by showing—

(a) from the record or report made by the assessing officer at the time of assessment, or

(b) if the record or report is silent, then from a comparison between the assessment of villages in which there existed, and the assessment of villages of similar character in which there did not exist, any forest or quarry, or any such land or interest,

that the forest, quarry, land or interest was taken into account in the assessment of the land-revenue.

(4) Until the presumption is so rebutted, the forest, quarry, land or interest shall be held to belong to the Government.

**43.** (1) Whenever, in the exercise of any right of the Government referred to in either of the two last foregoing sections, the rights of any person are extinguished by the operation or disturbance of the surface of any land, the

*Compensation for infringement of rights of third parties in exercise of rights of the Government.*



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(Chapter IV.—Records.—Sections 44-47. Chapter V.—Assessment.—  
Sections 48-55.)

Government shall pay, or cause to be paid, to that person compensation for the infringement.

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(2) The compensation shall be determined as nearly as may be in accordance with the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, 1870.

44. An entry made in a record-of-rights in accordance with the law for the time being in force, or in an annual record in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and the rules thereunder, shall be presumed to be true until the contrary is proved or a new entry is lawfully substituted therefor.

45. If any person considers himself aggrieved as to any right of which he is in possession by an entry in a record-of-rights or in an annual record, he may institute a suit for a declaration of his right under Chapter VI of the Specific Relief Act, 1877.

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*Supplemental Provisions.*

Power to make rules respecting records and other matters connected therewith.

46. The Financial Commissioner may make rules—

- (a) prescribing the language in which records and registers under this Chapter are to be made;
- (b) prescribing the form of those records and registers, and the manner in which they are to be prepared, signed and attested;
- (c) for the survey of land so far as may be necessary for the preparation and correction of those records and registers;
- (d) for the conduct of inquiries by Revenue-officers under this Chapter; and
- (e) generally for the guidance of Revenue-officers and village-officers in matters pertaining to records and registers mentioned or referred to in this Chapter.

47. (1) The Financial Commissioner may direct that a record-of-rights be made for any group of neighbouring estates instead of separately for each of the estates.

(2) The provisions of this Chapter with respect to a record-of-rights and annual record for an estate shall then, so far as they can be made applicable, apply to a record-of-rights and annual record for a group of estates.

CHAPTER V.

ASSESSMENT.

48. (1) All land, to whatever purpose applied and wherever situate, is liable to the payment of land-revenue to the Government, except such land as has been wholly exempted from that liability by special contract with the Government or by the provisions of any law for the time being in force.

(2) Land-revenue may be assessed in cash or in kind, or partly in cash and partly in kind, as the Local Government may direct.

(3) Land may be assessed to land-revenue notwithstanding that that revenue, by reason of its having been assigned, retained, compounded for, or otherwise, is not payable to the Government.

*General Assessments.*

49. (1) A general re-assessment of the land-revenue of a district or tahsil shall not be undertaken without the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council and notification of that sanction.

(2) In granting the sanction the Governor-General in Council may prescribe such principles of assessment and give such other instructions as he thinks fit.

50. (1) The assessment shall be made by a Revenue-officer.

(2) Before making it that officer shall report his proposed method of assessment for the sanction of the Financial Commissioner in such form as the Financial Commissioner, with the previous sanction of the Local Government, may prescribe.

51. (1) When the Revenue-officer has obtained the sanction of the Financial Commissioner to his proposed method of assessment, he shall make an order determining the assessment proper for each estate and announce it in such manner as the Local Government may prescribe.

(2) At the time of announcing the assessment he shall also declare the date from which it is to take effect, and, subject to the other provisions of this Act, it shall take effect accordingly.

52. (1) The landowner may, within thirty days from the date of the announcement of the assessment, present a petition to the Revenue-officer for a reconsideration of the amount, form or conditions of the assessment.

(2) Where the land-revenue is assigned, the assignee thereof may within thirty days from that date present a like petition to the Revenue-officer.

(3) The order passed by the Revenue-officer on the petition shall set forth his reasons for granting or refusing it.

53. (1) An assessment of the land-revenue of a district or tahsil shall not be considered final until it has been confirmed by the Local Government.

(2) At any time before an assessment is so confirmed the Commissioner or Financial Commissioner may modify the assessment of any estate in the district or tahsil.

(3) The Local Government shall, when confirming an assessment under sub-section (1), fix the period for which the assessment is to be in force.

54. Notwithstanding the expiration of the period fixed for the continuance of an assessment under sub-section (3) of the last foregoing section, the assessment shall remain in force till a new assessment takes effect.

55. (1) At any time within ninety days from the date of the announcement of an assessment the landowner or, where there are more landowners than one, any of them who would be individually or collectively liable for more than half the sum assessed may give notice to



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(Chapter V.—Assessment.—Sections 56-60.)  
(Chapter VI.—Collection of Land-revenue.—Section 61.)

the Revenue-officer of refusal to be liable for the assessment.

(2) When the Revenue-officer receives a notice under subsection (1), the Collector may take possession of the estate and deal with it, as nearly as may be, as if the annulment of the assessment thereof had been ordered as a process for the recovery of an arrear of land-revenue due thereon.

(3) While the estate is in the possession of the Collector, the landowner or landowners shall be entitled to receive from the Government an allowance, to be fixed by the Financial Commissioner, which shall not be less than five or more than ten per cent. of the net income realized by the Government from the estate.

56. (1) If the assessment announced under section 51 is in whole or in part a fixed assessment of an estate for a term of years, the Revenue-officer shall, before the date on which the first instalment thereof becomes payable, make an order distributing it over the several holdings comprised in the estate and make and publish a record of the distribution.

(2) The Collector may for sufficient reason make an order revising that record at any time while the assessment continues to be in force, and publish the record so revised.

(3) If the assessment announced under section 51 is in the form of rates chargeable according to the results of each year or harvest, a Revenue-officer shall from year to year or from harvest to harvest, as the conditions of the assessment may require, make and publish, not later than one month before the first instalment of the land-revenue falls due, a record of the amount payable in respect of each holding.

(4) The Financial Commissioner may make rules for the guidance of Revenue-officers in making, publishing and revising records under this section.

57. (1) Any person affected by a record made under subsection (1) or subsection (3) of the last foregoing section, or by the revision of a record under subsection (2) of that section, may, within thirty days from the date of the publication of the record, present a petition to the Revenue-officer for a reconsideration of the record so far as it affects him.

(2) The order passed by the Revenue-officer on the petition shall set forth his reasons for granting or refusing it.

58. An appeal from an order under the last foregoing section or section 52 shall lie to the Commissioner, and from the appellate order of the Commissioner to the Financial Commissioner.

*Special Assessments.*

59. (1) Special assessments may be made by Revenue-officers in the following cases, namely:—

- (a) when estates are formed under the next following section;
- (b) when land-revenue which has been released or assigned is resumed;

(c) when waste-lands are sold, leased or granted by the Government;

(d) when the assessment of any land has been annulled or the landowner has refused to be liable therefor, and the term for which the land was to be managed by the Collector or his agent or let in farm has expired;

(e) when assessments of land-revenue require revision in consequence of the action of water or sand or of calamity of season or from any other cause;

(f) when revenue due to the Government on account of pasture or other natural products of land, or on account of mills, fisheries or natural products of water, or on account of other rights described in section 41 or section 42, has not been included in an assessment made under the foregoing provisions of this Chapter.

(2) The Financial Commissioner may make rules for the guidance of Revenue-officers in making special assessments, and may confirm such assessments.

(3) The foregoing provisions of this Chapter with respect to general assessments shall, subject to such modifications thereof as the Financial Commissioner may prescribe by rules under the last foregoing subsection, regulate the procedure of Revenue-officers making special assessments.

60. (1) When, in the opinion of the Collector or of an officer making a general re-assessment of land-revenue under the foregoing provisions of this Chapter, the waste-land belonging to or adjoining an estate is so extensive as to exceed the requirements of the owners of the estate with reference to pasturage or other useful purpose, the Collector or officer may at any time, with the previous sanction of the Financial Commissioner, make a separate assessment of the waste-land which he considers to be so in excess, and offer that land at that assessment, for such term and on such conditions as he thinks fit, to the owners of the estate to which it belongs, and, if they refuse the offer, to the owners of any estate which the land adjoins, and, if they also refuse the offer, to any other person.

(2) When the owners of the estate to which the waste-land belongs refuse the offer, the Collector shall assign to them an annual allowance not less than five and not more than ten per cent. of the net income realized by the Government from the land.

**CHAPTER VI.**

**COLLECTION OF LAND-REVENUE.**

61. (1) In the case of every estate, the entire security for payment of land-revenue shall be the estate and the landowner or, if there are more than one, the landowners jointly and severally: and the landowner or landowners shall be liable for the land-revenue for the time being assessed on the estate:

Provided that:—

- (a) the Local Government, with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, may by notification declare that in any estate a holding or its agent shall not be liable for any part of the land-revenue



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for the time being assessed on the estate except that part which is payable in respect of the holding; and

- (5) when there are superior and inferior landowners in the same estate, the Financial Commissioner may by rule, or by special order in each case, determine whether the superior or inferior landowners shall be liable for the land-revenue, or whether both shall be so liable, and, if so, in what proportions.

(2) A notification under proviso (a) to sub-section (1) may have reference to any single estate or to any class of estates or estates generally in any local area.

62. (1) The land-revenue for the time being assessed on an estate or payable in respect of a holding shall be the first charge upon the rents, profits and produce thereof.

(2) Without the previous consent of the Collector, the rents, profits or produce of an estate or holding shall not be liable to be taken in execution of a decree or order of any Court until the land-revenue chargeable against the rents, profits or produce, and any arrear of land-revenue due in respect of the estate or holding, have been paid.

63. (1) Notwithstanding anything in any rule or order of rights, the Financial Commissioner may fix the number and amount of the instalments, and the times, places and manner, by, at and in which land-revenue is to be paid.

(2) Until the Financial Commissioner otherwise directs, land-revenue shall be payable by the instalments, at the times and places and in the manner, by, at and in which it is payable at the commencement of this Act.

64. (1) The Financial Commissioner may make rules consistent with this Act to regulate the collection, remission and suspension of land-revenue, and may by those rules determine the circumstances and terms in and on which assigned land-revenue may be collected by the assignees.

(2) Where land-revenue due to an assignee is collected by a Revenue-officer, there shall be deducted from the sum collected such a percentage on account of the cost of collection as the Financial Commissioner may by rule in this behalf prescribe.

(3) A suit for an arrear of assigned land-revenue shall not be entertained unless there is annexed to the plaint at the time of the presentation thereof a document under the hand of the Collector specially authorising the institution of the suit.

65. The costs of any process issued under this Chapter shall be recoverable as part of the arrear of land-revenue in respect of which the process was issued.

66. A statement of account certified by a Revenue-officer shall be conclusive proof of the existence of an arrear of land-revenue, of its amount and of the person who is the defaulter.

67. Subject to the other provisions of this Act, an arrear of land-revenue may be recovered by any one or more of the following processes, namely:—

- (a) by service of a writ of demand on the defaulter;
- (b) by arrest and detention of his person;
- (c) by distress and sale of his moveable property and uncut or ungathered crops;
- (d) by transfer of the holding in respect of which the arrear is due;
- (e) by attachment of the estate or holding in respect of which the arrear is due;
- (f) by annulment of the assessment of that estate or holding;
- (g) by sale of that estate or holding;
- (h) by proceedings against other immovable property of the defaulter.

68. A writ of demand may be issued by a Revenue-officer on or after the day following that on which an arrear of land-revenue accrues.

69. (1) At any time after an arrear of land-revenue has accrued on a defaulter, the Revenue-officer may issue a warrant directing an officer named therein to arrest the defaulter and bring him before the Revenue-officer.

(2) When the defaulter is brought before the Revenue-officer, the Revenue-officer may cause him to be taken before the Collector, or may keep him under personal restraint for a period not exceeding ten days and then, if the arrear is still unpaid, cause him to be taken before the Collector.

(3) When the defaulter is brought before the Collector, the Collector may issue an order to the officer in charge of the civil jail of the district, directing him to confine the defaulter in the jail for such period, not exceeding one month from the date of the order, as the Collector thinks fit.

(4) The process of arrest and detention shall not be executed against a defaulter who is a female, a minor, a lunatic or an idiot.

70. (1) At any time after an arrear of land-revenue has accrued, the moveable property and uncut or ungathered crops of the defaulter may be distrained and sold by order of a Revenue-officer.

(2) The distress and sale shall be conducted, as nearly as may be, in accordance with the law for the time being in force for the attachment and sale of moveable property under the decrees of a Revenue Court constituted under the Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887:

Provided that, in addition to the particulars exempted by that law from liability to sale, so much of the produce of the land of the defaulter as the Collector thinks necessary for seed-grain and for the subsistence, until the harvest next following, of the defaulter and his family, and of any cattle exempted by that law, shall be exempted from sale under this section.

71. (1) At any time after an arrear of land-revenue has accrued on a holding, the Collector may transfer the holding to any person being a landowner of the estate in which the holding is



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situations and not being a defaulter in respect of his own holding, on condition of his paying the arrear before being put in possession of the holding, and on such further conditions as the Collector may see fit to prescribe.

(2) The transfer may, as the Collector thinks fit, be either till the end of the agricultural year in which the defaulter pays to the transferee the amount of the arrear which the transferee paid before being put in possession of the holding, or for a term not exceeding fifteen years from the commencement of the agricultural year next following the date of the transfer.

(3) The Collector shall report to the Financial Commissioner any transfer made by him under this section, and the Financial Commissioner may set aside the transfer or alter the conditions thereof, or pass such other order as he thinks fit.

(4) A transfer under this section shall not affect the joint and several liability of the landowners of the estate in which it is enforced.

(5) In respect of all rights and liabilities arising under this Act the person to whom the holding is transferred shall, subject to the conditions of the transfer, stand in the same position as that in which the defaulter would have stood if the holding had not been transferred.

(6) When the transfer was for a term, the holding shall, on the expiration of the term, be restored by the Collector to the defaulter free of any claim on the part of the Government or the transferee for any arrear of land-revenue or rates and cesses due in respect thereof.

72. (1) At any time after an arrear of land-attachment of estate revenue has accrued, the Collector may cause the estate or holding in respect of which the arrear is due to be attached and taken under his own management or that of an agent appointed by him for that purpose.

(2) The Collector or the agent shall be bound by all the engagements which existed between the defaulter and his tenants, if any, and shall be entitled to manage the land and to receive all rents and profits accruing therefrom to the exclusion of the defaulter until the arrear has been satisfied, or until the Collector restores the land to the defaulter.

(3) All surplus profits of the land attached beyond the cost of attachment and management and the amount necessary to meet the current demand for land-revenue and rates and cesses shall be applied in discharge of the arrear.

(4) Land shall not be attached for the same arrear for a longer term than five years from the commencement of the agricultural year next following the date of the attachment, but, if the arrear is sooner discharged, the land shall be released and the surplus receipts, if any, made over to the landowner.

73. (1) When an arrear of land-revenue has been due for a longer period than one month, and the foregoing processes are not deemed sufficient for the recovery thereof, the Financial Commissioner may, in addition to or instead of all or any of those processes, order the existing assessment of the estate or holding in respect of which the arrear is due to be annulled.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not be put in force for the recovery of an arrear of land-revenue which has accrued on land—

(a) while under attachment under the last foregoing section, or

(b) while under the charge of the Court of Wards.

(3) When the assessment of any land has been annulled, the Collector may, with the previous sanction of the Financial Commissioner, either manage the land himself or through an agent, or let it in farm to any person willing to accept the farm, for such term and on such conditions as may be sanctioned by the Financial Commissioner.

Provided that the term for which land may be so managed or farmed shall not be longer than fifteen years from the commencement of the agricultural year next following the date of the annulment.

(4) At some time before the expiration of that term the Collector shall determine the assessment to be paid in respect of the estate or holding for the remainder of the term of the current assessment of the district or tahsil, and, when that assessment has been sanctioned by the Financial Commissioner, shall announce it to the landowner.

(5) The landowner may give notice to the Collector of refusal to be liable for the assessment within thirty days from the date on which the assessment was announced to him.

(6) If notice is so given, the Collector may, with the previous sanction of the Financial Commissioner, take the estate or holding under direct management or farm it for the remainder of the term of the current assessment of the district or tahsil, or for any period within that term which the Financial Commissioner may fix.

(7) When the assessment of a holding is annulled, the joint responsibility of the other landowners of the estate for the land-revenue of that holding becoming due after the annulment shall be in abeyance until a new assessment takes effect.

(8) The Financial Commissioner may direct that any contract made by the defaulter, or by any person through whom the defaulter claims, with respect to any land comprised in an estate or holding of which the assessment has been annulled shall not be binding on the Collector or his agent or farmer during the period for which the estate or holding remains under the management of the Collector or his agent or is let in farm.

74. (1) When any land is attached under section 72, or when the assessment of any land has been annulled under the last foregoing section, the Collector or shall make proclamation thereof.

(2) No payment made by any person to the defaulter before the making of the proclamation on account of rent or any other asset in anticipation of the usual time for the payment shall, without the special sanction of the Collector, be credited to that person or relieve him from liability to make the payment to the Collector or his agent or farmer.



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(3) No payment made after the making of the proclamation on account of rent or any other asset of the estate or holding to any person other than the Collector or his agent or farmer shall be credited to the person making the payment or relieve him from liability to make the payment to the Collector or his agent or farmer.

75. When an arrear of land-revenue has accrued and the foregoing processes are not deemed sufficient for the recovery thereof, the Collector, with the previous sanction of the Financial Commissioner, may, in addition to, or instead of, all or any of those processes, and subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, sell the estate or holding in respect of which the arrear is due:

Provided that land shall not be sold for the recovery of—

- (a) any arrear which has accrued while the land was under the charge of the Court of Wards, or was so circumstanced that the Court of Wards might have exercised jurisdiction over it under the provisions of section 85 of the Punjab Laws Act, 1872, clause (a), (b), (c) or (d); or
- (b) any arrear which has accrued while the land was under attachment under section 72 of this Act; or
- (c) any arrear which has accrued while the land was held under direct management by the Collector or in farm by any other person under section 73, after either an annulment of assessment or a refusal to be liable therefor.

76. (1) Land sold under the last foregoing section shall be sold free of all incumbrances, and all grants and contracts previously made by any person other than the purchaser in respect of the land shall become void as against the purchaser at the sale.

(2) Nothing in sub-section (1) shall affect—

- (a) a tenant's right of occupancy, unless the right was created by the defaulter himself; or
- (b) any lease at a fair rent, temporary or perpetual, for the erection of a dwelling-house or manufactory, or for a mine, garden, tank, canal, place of worship or burial-ground, so long as the land continues to be used for the purpose specified in the lease; or
- (c) any incumbrance, grant, contract or right of occupancy specially saved by order of the Financial Commissioner and proclaimed as hereinafter provided.

77. (1) If the arrear cannot be recovered by any of the processes hereinafter provided, or if the Financial Commissioner considers the enforcement of any of those processes to be inexpedient, the Collector may, where the defaulter owns any other estate or holding, or any other immovable property, proceed under the provisions of this Act against that property as if it were the land in respect of which the arrear is due:

Provided that no interests save those of the defaulter shall be so proceeded against, and no incumbrances created, grants made or contracts entered into by him in good faith shall be rendered

invalid by reason only of his interests being proceeded against.

(2) When the Collector determines to proceed under this section against immovable property other than the land in respect of which the arrear is due, he shall issue a proclamation prohibiting the transfer or charging of the property.

(3) The Collector may at any time by order in writing withdraw the proclamation, and it shall be deemed to be withdrawn when either the arrear has been paid or the interests of the defaulter in the property have been sold for the recovery of the arrear.

(4) Any private alienation of the property, or of any interest of the defaulter therein, whether by sale, gift, mortgage or otherwise, made after the issue of the proclamation and before the withdrawal thereof shall be void.

(5) In proceeding against property under this section the Collector shall follow, as nearly as the nature of the property will admit, the procedure prescribed for the enforcement of process against land on which an arrear of land-revenue is due.

78. (1) Notwithstanding anything in section 86, when proceedings are taken under this Act for the recovery of an arrear, the person against whom the proceedings are taken may, if he denies his liability for the arrear or any part thereof and pays the same under protest made in writing at the time of payment and signed by him or his agent, institute a suit in a Civil Court for the recovery of the amount so paid.

(2) A suit under sub-section (1) must be instituted in a Court having jurisdiction in the place where the office of the Collector of the district in which the arrear or some part thereof accrued is situate.

*Procedure in Sales.*

79. (1) On the receipt of the sanction of the Financial Commissioner to the sale of any immovable property, the Collector shall issue a proclamation of the intended sale, specifying—

- (a) the date, time and place of the sale;
- (b) the property to be sold, and, if it is an estate or holding, the land-revenue assessed thereon or payable in respect thereof;
- (c) if the property is to be sold for the recovery of an arrear due in respect thereof, the incumbrances, grants, contracts and rights of occupancy, if any, specially saved by order of the Financial Commissioner under section 76, sub-section (2), clause (c);
- (d) if the property is to be sold otherwise than for the recovery of an arrear due in respect thereof, any incumbrance, grant or contract to which the property is known to be liable; and
- (e) the amount for the recovery of which the sale is ordered.

(2) The proclamation shall also state that any person intending to claim a right of pre-emption must, on pain of forfeiting the right, give notice of his intention to the Collector on an office-day before that fixed for the sale.

(3) The place of sale specified under clause (a) of sub-section (1) must be either the office of the



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Collector or some place appointed by the Collector in this behalf and situate in or near the property to be sold.

**80.** A Revenue-officer shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in any proclamation under the last foregoing section, unless the same has been committed or made dishonestly.

**81. (1)** A copy of the proclamation shall be served on the defaulter and be posted in a conspicuous part of the office of the Tahsildar of the tahsil in which the property to be sold is situate.

(2) After a copy of the proclamation has been served on the defaulter and posted in the office of the Tahsildar, a copy thereof shall be posted in the office of the Collector.

(3) The proclamation shall be further published in manner prescribed in section 22 and in such other manner as the Collector thinks expedient.

**82. (1)** The sale shall not take place on a Sunday or other holiday, or till after the expiration of at least thirty days from the date on which the copy of the proclamation was posted in the office of the Collector.

(2) The sale shall be by public auction, and shall be conducted either by the Collector in person or by a Revenue-officer specially appointed by him in this behalf.

**83.** The Collector may from time to time postpone the sale.

**84.** If at any time before the bidding at the auction is completed the defaulter pays the arrear in respect of which the property has been proclaimed for sale, together with the costs incurred for the recovery thereof, to the officer conducting the sale, or proves to the satisfaction of that officer that he has already paid the same either at the place and in the manner prescribed under section 63 or into the Government treasury, the sale shall be stayed.

**85.** When the highest bid at the auction has been ascertained, the person who made that bid shall, on the requisition of the officer conducting the sale, pay to that officer a deposit of twenty-five per centum on the amount of his bid, and shall, on payment thereof, be declared to be the purchaser subject to the provisions of this Chapter with respect to the exercise of any right of pre-emption.

**86.** If the person who made the highest bid fails to pay the deposit as required by the last foregoing section, the property shall forthwith be put up again and sold, and all expenses attending the first sale, and the deficiency of price, if any, which may happen on the re-sale, may be recovered from him by the Collector as if the same were an arrear of land-revenue.

**87. (1)** At any time before the close of the day on which the sale takes place any person who has given notice of his intention to claim a right of pre-emption under section 79, sub-section (2),

may, on payment to the officer conducting the sale of a deposit of twenty-five per centum on the highest bid made at the sale, claim to take the property at that bid.

(2) If the right is not disputed, he shall be declared to be the purchaser.

(3) If the right is disputed, the Collector shall inquire into and decide the dispute and declare the purchaser, and his decision and declaration shall be final.

**88.** The full amount of the purchase-money shall be paid by the purchaser before the close of the fifteenth day from that on which the purchaser was declared.

**89.** In default of payment of the full amount of the purchase-money within the period mentioned in the last foregoing section, the deposit referred to in section 85 or section 87, as the case may be, shall, after defraying the expenses of the sale, be forfeited to the Government and may, if the Collector, with the previous sanction of the Commissioner, so directs, be applied in reduction of the arrear, and the property shall be re-sold, and the defaulting purchaser shall have no claim to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.

**90.** Every sale of immovable property under this Chapter shall be reported by the Collector to the Commissioner.

**91. (1)** At any time within thirty days from the date of the sale, application may be made to the Commissioner to set aside the sale on the ground of some material irregularity or mistake in publishing or conducting it.

(2) But a sale shall not be set aside on that ground unless the applicant proves to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that he has sustained substantial injury by reason of the irregularity or mistake.

**92. (1)** After the expiration of thirty days from the date of the sale, if such application as is mentioned in the last foregoing section has not been made, or if such application has been made and rejected, the Commissioner shall make an order confirming the sale, and, if such application has been made and allowed, the Commissioner shall make an order setting aside the sale.

(2) An order made under this section shall be final.

**93.** Whenever the sale of any property is set aside, the purchaser shall be entitled to receive back his purchase-money.

**94.** A sale made after a postponement under section 83, and a re-sale consequent on a purchaser's default under section 89 or on the setting aside of a sale under section 92, shall be made after the issue of a fresh proclamation in the manner hereinafter prescribed for the sale.



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**95. (1)** After a sale has been confirmed in manner aforesaid, the Collector shall put the person declared to be the purchaser into possession of the property sold, and shall grant him a certificate to the effect that he has purchased that property.

**(2)** The certificate shall state whether or not the property was sold for the recovery of an arrear due in respect thereof, and, if it was so sold, shall set forth the incumbrances, grants, contracts and rights of occupancy, if any, specified in the proclamation of the sale as specially saved by order of the Financial Commissioner under section 76, sub-section (2), clause (c).

**(3)** The certificate shall be deemed to be a valid transfer of the property but need not be registered as a conveyance.

**(4)** Any suit brought in any Court against the certified purchaser on the ground that the purchase was made on behalf of a person other than the certified purchaser shall be dismissed with costs.

**(5)** The certified purchaser of any immovable property shall be entitled to all rents and profits falling due in respect of the property after the date of the confirmation of the sale and be liable for all instalments of land-revenue and rates and cesses falling due in respect thereof after that date.

**96. (1)** When a sale of immovable property under this Chapter has been confirmed, the proceeds of the sale shall be applied in the first place to the payment of any arrears, including costs incurred for the recovery thereof, due to the Government from the defaulter at the date of the confirmation of the sale, whether the arrears are of land-revenue, or of sums recoverable as arrears of land-revenue, and the surplus, if any, shall be paid to the person whose property has been sold, or, if the property sold was owned by more than one person, then to the owners either collectively or according to the amount of their recorded interests, as the Collector thinks fit.

**(2)** The surplus shall not, except under an order of a Court, be paid to any creditor of a person whose property has been sold.

**(3)** If the proceeds of the sale fall short of such arrears as are referred to in sub-section (1), the balance remaining due from the defaulter may be recovered from him by further proceedings under this Chapter or by any other means authorised by law.

**CHAPTER VII.****RECOVERY OF OTHER DEMANDS BY REVENUE-OFFICERS.**

**97.** When a village-officer required by rules under section 28 to collect any land-revenue or sum recoverable as an arrear of land-revenue satisfies a Revenue-officer that the revenue or sum has fallen due and has not been paid to him, the Revenue-officer may, subject to any rules which the Financial Commissioner may make in this behalf, recover it as if it were an arrear of land-revenue.

**98.** In addition to any sums recoverable as arrears of land-revenue under this Act or any other enactment for the time being in force, the following sums may be so recovered, namely:—

(a) fees, fines, costs and other charges, including the village-officers' cess, payable under this Act;

(b) revenue due to the Government on account of pasture or other natural products of land, or on account of mills, fisheries or natural products of water, or on account of other rights described in section 41 or section 42, in cases in which the revenue so due has not been included in the assessment of an estate;

(c) fees payable to district boards or local boards under section 33 of the Punjab District Boards Act, 1883, for the use of, or benefits derived from such works as are referred to in section 29, clauses (i) and (j), of that Act;

(d) sums leviable by or under the authority of the Government as water-rates, or on account of the maintenance or management of canals, embankments or other irrigation-works, not being sums recoverable as arrears of land-revenue under any enactment for the time being in force; and

(e) sums payable to the Government by a person who is surety for the payment of any of the foregoing sums or of any other sum recoverable as an arrear of land-revenue.

**99. (1)** The provisions of Chapter VI shall, with respect to any sum mentioned or referred to in this Chapter, apply, so far as they can be made applicable, as if the sum were an arrear of land-revenue and the person from whom, either as principal or as surety, it is due were a defaulter in respect of such an arrear.

**(2)** Unless any such sum is declared by any enactment for the time being in force to be recoverable as if it were an arrear of land-revenue due in respect of the land charged therewith, the provisions of section 77 shall apply under sub-section (1) to the recovery thereof.

**CHAPTER VIII.****SURVEYS AND BOUNDARIES.**

**100. (1)** The Financial Commissioner may make rules as to the manner in which the boundaries of all or any estates in any local area are to be demarcated and as to the survey-marks to be created within those estates.

**(2)** Rules under this section may prescribe, among other matters, the form of survey-marks and the material to be used in their construction.

**101. (1)** A Revenue-officer may, for the purpose of framing any record or making any assessment under this Act, or on the application of any person interested, define the



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limits of any estate, or of any holding, field or other portion of an estate, and may, for the purpose of indicating those limits, require survey-marks to be erected or repaired.

(2) In defining the limits of any land under sub-section (1), the Revenue-officer may cause survey-marks to be erected on any boundary already determined by, or by order of, any Court, Revenue-officer or Forest-settlement-officer, or restore any survey-mark already set up by, or by order of, any Court or any such officer.

102. Subject to any rules which the Financial Commissioner may make in this behalf, survey-marks shall be erected and kept in repair by or at the cost of the persons interested in the land for the indication of the limits of which they are required :

Provided that the Local Government may in any case direct that the cost of erection shall be borne by the Government or be paid out of the proceeds of the village-officers' cess.

103. (1) If the persons interested in the land fail to erect or repair a survey-mark within thirty days from the date of their being required by a Revenue-officer to do so, the Revenue-officer may cause it to be erected or repaired.

(2) Where the Revenue-officer causes a survey-mark to be erected or repaired, he shall, subject to any rules or direction under the last foregoing section, apportion the cost among the persons interested in the land in such manner as he deems just, and certify the same to the Collector.

(3) The Collector may recover the cost as if it were an arrear of land-revenue.

104. Any Revenue-officer, and any person acting under the orders of a Revenue-officer, may, in the discharge of any duty under this Act, enter upon and survey land and erect survey-marks thereon and demarcate the boundaries thereof, and do all other acts necessary for the proper performance of that duty.

105. (1) When any land is being surveyed in pursuance of rules under section 40, clause (c), any Revenue-officer directing the survey may, by notice or proclamation, require all persons having rights or interests in the land to indicate, within a specified time, by temporary marks of a kind to be described in the notice or proclamation, the limits of those rights or interests.

(2) If a person to whom the notice or proclamation is addressed fails to comply with the requisition, he shall be liable at the discretion of the Revenue-officer to fine which may extend to ten rupees.

106. (1) For the purposes of the survey of any land in pursuance of rules under section 40, clause (c), the landowners shall be bound to provide fit persons to act as flagholders and chainmen.

(2) If the landowners fail to provide such persons or to provide them in sufficient number, such other persons as a Revenue-officer

cost of employing them recovered from the landowners as if it were an arrear of land-revenue.

107. (1) If it is necessary to make a survey by other agency than that of Revenue-officers or village-officers, the Local Government may publish a notification stating—

- (a) the local area to be surveyed and the nature of the survey ;
- (b) the names or official designations of the officers by whom the survey is to be made ; and
- (c) the kind of survey-marks to be erected by those officers.

(2) From the date of the notification the officers specified therein, and the persons acting under their orders, shall have for the purposes of the survey the powers conferred on Revenue-officers by section 104.

108. (1) If any person wilfully destroys or injures or without lawful authority removes a survey-mark lawfully erected, he may be ordered by a Revenue-officer to pay such fine not exceeding fifty rupees for each mark so destroyed, injured or removed as may, in the opinion of the Revenue-officer, be necessary to defray the expense of restoring the same and of rewarding the person, if any, who gave information of the destruction, injury or removal.

(2) The imposition of a fine under this section shall not bar a prosecution under section 434 of the Indian Penal Code.

109. Every village-officer of an estate shall be legally bound to furnish a Report of destruction or removal of or injury to survey-marks. Revenue-officer with information respecting the destruction or removal of, or any injury done to, any survey-mark lawfully erected in the estate.

## CHAPTER IX.

### PARTITION.

110. (1) A partition of land, either under this Chapter or otherwise, shall not, without the express consent of the Financial Commissioner, affect the joint liability of the land or of the landowners thereof for the revenue payable in respect of the land, or operate to create a new estate, and, if any conditions are attached to that consent, those conditions shall be binding on the parties to the partition.

(2) A partition of a tenancy shall not, without the express consent of the landlord, affect the joint liability of the co-sharers therein for the payment of the rent thereof.

111. Any joint owner of land, or any joint tenant of a tenancy in which a right of occupancy subsists, may apply to a Revenue-officer for partition of his share in the land or tenancy, as the case may be, if—

- (a) at the date of the application the share is recorded under Chapter IV as belonging to him, or
- (b) his right to the share has been established by a decree which is still subsisting



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- (c) a written acknowledgment of that right has been executed by all persons interested in the admission or denial thereof.

Restrictions and limitations on partition.

112. Notwithstanding anything in the last foregoing section—

- (1) places of worship and burial-grounds held in common before partition shall continue to be so held after partition, unless the parties otherwise agree among themselves and record their agreement and file it with the Revenue-officer;

- (2) partition of any of the following properties, namely:—

(a) any embankment, watercourse, well or tank, and any land on which the supply of water to any such work may depend,

(b) any grazing-ground, and

(c) any land which is occupied as the site of a town or village and is assessed to land-revenue,

may be refused if in the opinion of the Revenue-officer the partition of such property is likely to cause inconvenience to the co-holders or other persons directly or indirectly interested therein or to diminish the utility thereof to those persons;

- (3) the fact that a partition on the application of a joint owner of land would render necessary the severance into two or more parts of the land comprised in the tenancy of a tenant having a right of occupancy may, unless the tenant assents to the severance, be a sufficient reason for the disallowance of the partition in so far as it would affect that tenancy; and

- (4) the fact that the landlord objects to the partition of a tenancy may be sufficient reason for the absolute disallowance of the partition thereof.

113. The Revenue-officer, on receiving the Notice of application for partition, shall, if it is in order and not open to objection on the face of it, fix a day for the hearing thereof, and—

- (a) cause notice of the application and of the day so fixed to be served on such of the recorded co-sharers as have not joined in the application, and, if the share of which partition is applied for is a share in a tenancy, on the landlord also; and

- (b) if he thinks fit, cause the notice to be served on, or proclaimed for the information of, any other persons whom he may deem to be directly or indirectly interested in the application.

114. On the day fixed for the hearing, or on any day to which the hearing may be adjourned, the Revenue-officer shall ascertain whether any of the other co-sharers desire the partition of their shares also, and, if any of them so desire, he shall add them as applicants for partition.

115. After examining such of the co-sharers and other persons as may be present on that day, the Revenue-officer may, if he is of

opinion that there is good and sufficient cause why partition should be absolutely disallowed, refuse the application, recording the grounds of his refusal.

116. If the Revenue-officer does not refuse the application under the last foregoing section, he shall ascertain the questions, if any, in dispute between any of the persons interested, distinguishing between—

(a) questions as to title in the property of which partition is sought; and

(b) questions as to the property to be divided, or the mode of making the partition.

117. (1) When there is a question as to title in any of the property of which partition is sought, the Revenue-officer may decline to grant the application for partition until the question has been determined by a competent Court, or he may himself proceed to determine the question as though he were such a Court.

(2) Where the Revenue-officer himself proceeds to determine the question, the following rules shall apply, namely:—

(a) If the question is one over which a Revenue Court has jurisdiction, the Revenue-officer shall proceed as a Revenue Court under the provisions of the Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887.

(b) If the question is one over which a Civil Court has jurisdiction, the procedure of the Revenue-officer shall be that applicable to the trial of an original suit by a Civil Court, and he shall record a judgment and decree containing the particulars required by the Code of Civil Procedure to be specified therein.

(c) An appeal shall lie from the decree of the Revenue-officer under clause (b) as though that decree were a decree of a District Judge in an original suit.

(d) Upon such an appeal being made, the Divisional Court or Chief Court, as the case may be, may issue an injunction to the Revenue-officer requiring him to stay proceedings pending the disposal of the appeal.

(e) From the appellate decree of a Divisional Court upon such an appeal a further appeal shall lie to the Chief Court if such a further appeal is allowed by the law for the time being in force.

118. (1) When there is a question as to the property to be divided, or the mode of making a partition, the Revenue-officer shall, after such inquiry as he deems necessary, record an order stating his decision on the question and his reasons for the decision.

(2) An appeal may be preferred to the Commissioner from an order under sub-section (1) within fifteen days from the date thereof, and, when such an appeal is preferred and the institution thereof has been certified to the Revenue-officer by the Commissioner, the Revenue-officer shall stay proceedings pending the disposal of the appeal.



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(Chapter IX.—Partition.—Sections 119-126. Chapter X.—Arbitration.—  
Sections 127-129.)

(3) If an applicant for partition is dissatisfied with an original or appellate order under this section, and applies for permission to withdraw from the proceedings in so far as they relate to the partition of his share, he shall be permitted to withdraw therefrom on such terms as the Revenue-officer thinks fit.

(4) When an applicant withdraws under the last foregoing subsection, the Revenue-officer may, where the other applicants, if any, desire the continuance of the proceedings, continue them in so far as they relate to the partition of the shares of those other applicants.

119. When any such property as is referred to in section 112, clause (2), is excluded from partition, the Revenue-officer may determine the extent and manner to and in which the co-sharers and other persons interested therein may make use thereof, and the proportion in which expenditure incurred thereon and profits derived therefrom, respectively, are to be borne by and divided among those persons or any of them.

120. (1) The amount of revenue to be paid in respect of each of the holdings into which land has been divided on a partition, and the amount of rent to be paid in respect of each of the portions into which a tenancy has been divided, shall be determined by the Revenue-officer making the partition.

(2) The determination of the Revenue-officer as to the revenue to be paid in respect of each holding shall, where the estate in which the holding is situate is subject to a fixed assessment, be deemed to be an order under section 56, subsection (1).

(3) Where new estates have been created at a partition and the land-revenue has been fraudulently or erroneously distributed among them, the Local Government may, within twelve years from the time of discovery of the fraud or error, order a new distribution of the land-revenue among the several estates, on an estimate of the assets of each estate at the time of the partition, to be made conformably to the best evidence and information procurable respecting the same.

121. When a partition is completed, the Revenue-officer shall cause an instrument of partition to be prepared, and the date on which the partition is to take effect to be recorded therein.

122. An owner or tenant to whom any land or portion of a tenancy, as the case may be, is allotted in proceedings for partition shall be entitled to possession thereof as against the other parties to the proceedings and their legal representatives, and a Revenue-officer shall, on application made to him for the purpose by any such owner or tenant at any time within three years from the date recorded in the instrument of partition under the last foregoing section, give effect to that instrument so far as it concerns the applicant as if it were a decree for immovable property.

123. (1) In any case in which a partition has been made without the intervention of a Revenue-officer, any party thereto may apply

to a Revenue officer for an order affirming the partition.

(2) On receiving the application, the Revenue-officer shall inquire into the case, and, if he finds that the partition has in fact been made, he may make an order affirming it and proceed under sections 119, 120, 121 and 122, or any of those sections, as circumstances may require, in the same manner as if the partition had been made on an application to himself under this Chapter.

124. The Financial Commissioner may make rules for determining the costs of partitions under this Chapter and the mode in which such costs are to be apportioned.

125. When by established custom any land in an estate is subject to periodical re-distribution a Revenue-officer may, on the application of any of the landowners, enforce the re-distribution according to the custom, and for this purpose may exercise all or any of the powers of a Revenue-officer in proceedings for partition.

126. The Revenue officer by whom proceedings may be taken under this Chapter shall be a Revenue-officer of a class not below that of Assistant Collector of the first grade.

## CHAPTER X.

### ARBITRATION.

127. (1) Any Revenue-officer may, with the consent of the parties, refer to arbitration any dispute arising before him in any matter under this Act.

(2) A Collector or an Assistant Collector of the first grade may, without the consent of the parties, refer to arbitration any dispute before him with respect to—

- (a) any matter of which an entry is to be made in any record or register under Chapter IV;
- (b) any matter relating to the distribution of an assessment under section 56;
- (c) the limits of any estate or of any holding, field or other portion of an estate; or
- (d) the property to be divided at a partition or the mode of making a partition.

128. (1) In referring a dispute to arbitration a Revenue-officer shall make an order of reference, and specify therein the precise matter submitted to arbitration, the number of arbitrators which each party to the dispute is to nominate, the period within which arbitrators are to be nominated, and the period within which the award is to be delivered.

(2) The number of arbitrators which each party may nominate must be the same and must not exceed two.

(3) If from any cause arbitrators are not nominated, or an award is not delivered, within the period fixed therefor in the order of reference, the Revenue-officer may from time to time enlarge that period, or may cancel the order of reference.



*The Punjab Land-revenue Act, 1887.*  
(Chapter X.—Arbitration.—Sections 129-135. Chapter XI.—Special Jurisdiction with respect to Land.—Sections 136-137.)

**129. (1)** When an order of reference has been made, the parties may each nominate the number of arbitrators specified in the order, and the Revenue-officer shall nominate one other arbitrator.

(2) The Revenue-officer may, for reasons to be recorded by him, make an order disallowing any nomination made by either party and requiring the party to make another nomination within a time to be specified in the order.

(3) An order under the last foregoing sub-section shall be final.

**130.** If an arbitrator nominated by a party dies, desires to be discharged or refuses or becomes incapable to act, the party may nominate another person in his stead.

**131.** In any of the following cases, namely:—

- (a) if either of the parties fails to nominate an arbitrator under sub-section (1) of section 129 within the period fixed in the order of reference, or
  - (b) if the nomination of an arbitrator has been disallowed under sub-section (2) of section 129, and another arbitrator is not nominated within the time specified in the order under that sub-section or, having been so nominated, his nomination is also disallowed, or
  - (c) if a party entitled to nominate an arbitrator in the place of another arbitrator under section 130 fails to nominate him within one week from the date of the communication to him of a notice requiring him to make the nomination, or
  - (d) if an arbitrator nominated by the Revenue-officer dies, desires to be discharged, or refuses or becomes incapable to act,
- the Revenue-officer may nominate a person as arbitrator.

**132. (1)** The Revenue-officer shall, on the application of the arbitrators, issue the same processes to the parties and witnesses whom the arbitrators desire to examine as he may issue in any proceeding under this Act before himself.

(2) Any such party or witness shall be bound to appear before the arbitrators in obedience to a process issued under sub-section (1), either in person or by agent, as the arbitrators may require.

(3) The person attending in obedience to the process shall be bound to state the truth upon any matter respecting which he is examined or makes statements, and to produce such documents and other things relating to any such matter as may be specified in the process.

**133. (1)** The arbitrators shall make an award in writing under their hands concerning the matters referred to them for arbitration, and state therein their reasons therefor, and any arbitrator dissenting from the award made by a majority of the arbitrators shall state the grounds of his dissent.

(2) The arbitrators shall present the award to the Revenue-officer in person unless that officer is unable to present it by agent.

**134. (1)** When the award has been received, the Revenue-officer shall, if the parties are present, consider forthwith any objections which they may have to make thereto, and, if they are not present, fix a date for the consideration thereof.

(2) Where a date has been fixed for the consideration of an award, the Revenue-officer shall on that date, or on any subsequent date to which an adjournment may be made, hear any objections which the parties may have to make to the award.

(3) The Revenue-officer may also, if he thinks fit, question the arbitrators as to the grounds of their award.

**135. (1)** The Revenue-officer may accept, modify or reject the award, recording his reasons for doing so in his decision respecting the dispute which was referred to arbitration.

(2) An appeal shall lie from the decision as if arbitrators had not been appointed.

## CHAPTER XI.

### SPECIAL JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO LAND.

**136. (1)** The Local Government may, by order published in the official Gazette, invest any Revenue-officer making or specially revising records-of-rights in any local area in pursuance of a notification under section 32 or making a general re-assessment of land-revenue in any local area in pursuance of a notification under section 49, or any Revenue-officer to whose control that officer is subject, with all or any of the powers of any Court constituted under the Punjab Courts Act, 1884, for the purpose of trying all or any specified classes of suits or appeals relating to land arising in the local area.

(2) The Local Government may cancel an order under sub-section (1) wholly or in part.

(3) While an order or any part of an order under that sub-section continues in force, the powers conferred thereby shall be exercised by the officer invested therewith and not otherwise.

(4) Any cases pending before that officer under the order or a subsisting part of the order at the time of the cancellation thereof may be disposed of by him as if the order or that part of it continued in force, unless the Local Government directs, as it is hereby empowered to do, that those cases shall be transferred for disposal to the Courts by which they would have been disposed of if the order had not been published.

**137. (1)** The Local Government may by notification direct that the provisions of this Act with respect to the superintendence and control over Revenue-officers shall, subject to any modification of those provisions which the Local Government thinks fit, apply to any Revenue-officer, except the Financial Commissioner, who has been invested with the powers of a Civil Court of any of the classes specified in clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d) of section 17 of the Punjab Courts Act, 1884, and that appeals shall lie from his decrees and orders as



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(Chapter XII.—Supplemental Provisions.—Sections 138-145.)

to, and his decrees and orders be subject to revision by, a Revenue-officer invested under the last foregoing section with the powers of a Court which would be competent under the Punjab Courts Act, 1884, to hear appeals from, or revise, such decrees and orders if they had been made by a Court with the powers of which the Revenue-officer who made them has been invested.

(2) In the absence of any such notification, a Revenue-officer invested under the last foregoing section with the powers of any such Civil Court as aforesaid shall, with respect to the exercise of those powers, be deemed to be such a Civil Court for the purposes of the Punjab Courts Act, 1884.

## CHAPTER XII.

### SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS.

#### Revenue Deposits.

Power to deposit certain sums other than rent.

138. (1) In either of the following cases, namely:—

- (a) when a headman or other landowner, or an assignee of land-revenue, to whom any sum other than rent is payable on account of a liability under this Act refuses to receive the sum from, or to grant a receipt therefor to, the person by whom it is payable,

- (b) when the person by whom any such sum is payable is in doubt as to the headman or other landowner, or the assignee of land-revenue, entitled to receive it,

that person may apply to a Revenue-officer for leave to deposit the sum in his office, and the Revenue-officer shall receive the deposit if, after examining the applicant, he is satisfied that there is sufficient ground for the application and if the applicant pays the fee, if any, which may be chargeable on any notice to be issued of the receipt thereof.

(2) When a deposit has been so received, the liability of the depositor to the headman or other landowner, or the assignee of land-revenue, for the amount thereof shall be discharged.

139. If the deposit purports to be made on account of any payment due to the Government, it may be credited accordingly.

140. (1) A Revenue-officer receiving a deposit purporting to be made on any other account shall give notice of the receipt thereof

to every person who he has reason to believe claims or is entitled to the deposit, and may pay the amount thereof to any person appearing to him to be entitled to the same, or may, if he thinks fit, retain the deposit pending the decision of a Civil Court as to the person so entitled.

(2) No suit or other proceeding shall be instituted against the Secretary of State for India in Council, or against any officer of the Government, in respect of anything done by a Revenue-officer under this section, but nothing in this sub-section shall prevent any person entitled to receive the amount of any such deposit from recovering it from a person to whom it has been paid by a Revenue-officer.

#### Execution of Orders of Civil and Criminal Courts by Revenue-officers.

141. Orders issued by any Civil or Criminal Court for the attachment, sale or delivery of any land or interest in land, or for the attachment or sale of the produce of any land, shall be addressed to the Collector or such Revenue-officer as the Collector may appoint in this behalf, and be executed by the Collector or that officer in accordance with the provisions of the law applicable to the Court issuing the orders and with any rules consistent therewith made by the Financial Commissioner with the concurrence of the Chief Court and the previous sanction of the Local Government.

142. (1) Notwithstanding anything in any other enactment for the time being in force, an order issued by any Court for the attachment of assigned land-revenue shall require the person by whom the revenue is payable to pay it to the Collector, and the Collector to hold it subject to the further orders of the Court.

(2) A payment to the Collector under sub-section (1) shall be an effectual discharge to the person making it.

#### Preservation of attached Produce.

143. (1) The attachment of the produce of any land in pursuance of an order of any Court or other authority shall not prevent the person to whom the produce belongs from reaping, gathering or storing it or doing any other act necessary for its preservation.

(2) The attaching officer shall do or cause to be done all acts necessary for the preservation of the produce if the person to whom it belongs fails to do so.

(3) When sale of produce follows on its attachment, the purchaser shall be entitled, by himself or by any person appointed by him in this behalf, to enter on the place where the produce is and do all that is necessary for the purpose of preserving and removing it.

#### Division of Produce.

144. In either of the following cases, namely:—

- (a) where land-revenue is paid by division or apportionment of the produce,
- (b) where a superior and an inferior landowner, or two or more shareholders in a holding or tenancy, are jointly interested in any produce, and either or any of the landowners or tenants, as the case may be, desires the assistance of a Revenue-officer for the purpose of dividing or appraising the produce,

the provisions of the Punjab Tenancy Act, 1857, with respect to the division or apportionment of produce shall apply so far as they can be made applicable.

#### Miscellaneous.

145. (1) At any of the following times, namely:—

- (a) when a record-of-rights is being made or specially revised for an estate,



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(b) when the local area in which an estate is situate is being generally re-assessed and before the assessment has been confirmed,

(c) at any other time on an order made with respect to any estate by the Local Government with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council,

a Revenue-officer shall prepare a list of village-cesses, if any, levied in the estate which have been generally or specially approved by the Local Government, or the title to which has before the passing of this Act been judicially established.

(2) When a list has been prepared for an estate under sub-section (1), a village-cess not comprised therein shall not be recoverable by suit in any Court.

(3) The Local Government may impose on the collection of any village-cess comprised in the list such conditions as to police or other establishments connected with the village, market or fair in or on account of which the cess is levied, as it thinks fit.

(4) The Governor-General in Council may, on a reference from the Local Government, declare whether any cess, contribution or due levied in an estate is or is not a village-cess.

(5) A declaration of the Governor-General in Council under the last foregoing sub-section shall be conclusive, and shall not be liable to be questioned in any Court.

146. Where a superior landowner is entitled to receive in respect of any land from an inferior landowner dues in kind or in cash of fluctuating quantity or amount, the Collector may—

(a) on the application of both landowners, or,

(b) with the previous sanction of the Local Government, on the application of either of them,

convert those dues into a fixed percentage of the land-revenue payable by the inferior landowner in respect of the land.

147. (1) The Local Government may, with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, authorize the remission of land-revenue

in whole or in part in consideration of the person liable therefor undertaking to render in lieu thereof such public service as may be specified in an agreement to be approved by the Local Government and executed by that person.

(2) The Local Government may, with the like sanction, cancel any remission authorized, and agreement made, under sub-section (1).

(3) If a landowner bound by an agreement under that sub-section to render public service in lieu of paying land-revenue fails to render the service to the satisfaction of the Collector, the Collector may determine the portion of the land-revenue omitted which is represented by the service in respect of which the landowner is in default, and, with the previous sanction of the Financial Commissioner, recover that portion as if it were an arrear of land-revenue due in respect of the land by the landowner whereof the service was substituted.

148. (1) When land of which the land-revenue has been assigned in whole or in part is re-assessed, the assignee shall be liable to pay such a share of the cost of making the re-assessment as the Financial Commissioner may determine to be just.

(2) That share may be recovered by the Collector or by deduction of the amount thereof from the land-revenue due to the assignee.

149. If a person required by a summons, notice, order or proclamation proceeding from a Revenue-officer to attend at a certain time and place within the limits of the estate in which he ordinarily resides, or in which he holds or cultivates land, fails to comply with the requisition, he shall be liable at the discretion of the Revenue-officer to fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

150. (1) Where land which has been reserved for the common purposes of the co-sharers therein has been encroached on by any co-sharer, a Revenue-officer may, on the application of any other co-sharer, eject the encroaching co-sharer from the land and, by order proclaimed in manner mentioned in section 22, forbid repetition of the encroachment.

(2) The proceedings of the Revenue-officer under sub-section (1) shall be subject to any decree or order which may be subsequently passed by any Court of competent jurisdiction.

151. (1) Any record or paper which a village-officer is required by law to be or by any rule under this Act to prepare or keep shall be deemed to be the property of the Government.

(2) A village-officer shall, with respect to any such record or paper in his custody, be deemed for the purposes of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, to be a public officer having the custody of a public document which any person has a right to inspect.

152. (1) A Revenue-officer may give and apportion the costs of any proceeding under this Act in any manner he thinks fit;

(2) But if he orders that the costs of any such proceeding shall not follow the event, he shall record his reasons for the order.

153. In the computation of the period for an appeal from, or an application for the review of, an order under this Act the limitation therefor shall be governed by the Indian Limitation Act, 1877, XV or 1877.

154. (1) A Revenue-officer, or a person employed in a revenue-office, shall not—

(a) purchase or bid for, either in person or by agent, in his own name or in that of another, or jointly or in shares with others, any property which any Revenue-officer or Revenue Court in the district in which he is employed has ordered to be sold, or,



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(b) in contravention of any rules made by the Local Government in this behalf, engage in trade in that district.

(2) Nothing in sub-section (1) shall be deemed to preclude any person from becoming a member of a company incorporated under the Indian Companies Act, 1882, or other law.

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**155.** (1) The Financial Commissioner may, in addition to the other rules which may be made by him under this Act, make rules consistent with this Act and any other enactment for the time being in force—

- (a) fixing the number and amount of the instalments, and the times and places and the manner, by, at and in which any sum other than rent or land-revenue which is payable under this Act or of which a record has been made thereunder is to be paid;
- (b) fixing the dates on which profits are to be divisible by headmen or other persons by whom they are realized on behalf of co-sharers;
- (c) prescribing the fees to be charged for the service and execution of processes issued by Revenue-officers and Revenue Courts, the mode in which those fees are to be collected, the number of persons to be employed in the service and execution of those processes, and the remuneration and duties of those persons;
- (d) regulating the procedure in cases where persons are entitled to inspect records of revenue-offices, or records or papers in the custody of village-officers, or to obtain copies of the same, and prescribing the fees payable for searches and copies;
- (e) prescribing forms for such books, entries, statistics and accounts as the Financial Commissioner thinks necessary to be kept, made or compiled in revenue-offices or submitted to any authority;
- (f) declaring what shall be the language of any of those offices, and determining in what cases persons practising in those offices shall be permitted to address the presiding officers thereof in English; and
- (g) generally for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) Until rules are made under clauses (a) and (b) of sub-section (1) the sums therein referred to shall be payable by the instalments, at the times and places, and in the manner by, at and in which they are now payable.

(3) Rules made by the Financial Commissioner under this or any other section of this Act shall not take effect until they have been sanctioned by the Local Government, and rules under clause (c) of sub-section (1) shall not take effect until they have also been confirmed by the Governor-General in Council.

**156.** The power to make any rules under this Act is subject to the control of the Governor-General in Council, and to the condition of the rules being made after previous publication.

**157.** All powers conferred by this Act on the Financial Commissioner may be exercised from time to time as occasion requires.

*Exclusion of Jurisdiction of Civil Courts.*

Exclusion of jurisdiction of Civil Courts in matters within the jurisdiction of Revenue-officers.

**158.** Except as otherwise provided by this Act—

(1) a Civil Court shall not have jurisdiction in any matter which the Local Government or a Revenue-officer is empowered by this Act to dispose of, or take cognizance of the manner in which the Local Government or any Revenue-officer exercises any powers vested in it or him by or under this Act; and in particular—

(2) a Civil Court shall not exercise jurisdiction over any of the following matters, namely:—

- (i) any question as to the limits of any land which has been defined by a Revenue-officer as land to which this Act does or does not apply;
- (ii) any claim to compel the performance of any duties imposed by this Act or any other enactment for the time being in force on any Revenue-officer, as such;
- (iii) any claim to the office of kánungo, zaildár, inámdár or village-officer, or in respect of any injury caused by exclusion from such office, or to compel the performance of the duties or a division of the emoluments thereof;
- (iv) any notification directing the making or revision of a record-of-rights;
- (v) the framing of a record-of-rights or annual record, or the preparation, signing or attestation of any of the documents included in such a record;
- (vi) the correction of any entry in a record-of-rights, annual record or register of mutations;
- (vii) any notification of the undertaking of the general re-assessment of a district or tahsil having been sanctioned by the Governor-General in Council;
- (viii) the claim of any person to be liable for an assessment of land-revenue or of any other revenue assessed under this Act;
- (ix) the amount of land-revenue to be assessed on any estate or to be paid in respect of any holding under this Act;
- (x) the amount of, or the liability of any person to pay, any other revenue to be assessed under this Act, or any cess, charge or rate to be assessed on an estate or holding under this Act or any other enactment for the time being in force;
- (xi) any claim relating to the allowance to be received by a landowner who has given notice of his refusal to be liable for an assessment, or any claim connected with, or arising out of, any proceedings taken in consequence of the refusal of any person to be liable for an assessment under this Act;
- (xii) the formation of an estate out of waste-land;
- (xiii) any claim to hold free of revenue any land, mine, fisheries or natural produce of land or water;



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(Chapter XII.—Supplemental Provisions.—Section 168.)  
(The Schedule.—Enactments repealed.)

- (xiv) any claim connected with, or arising out of, the collection by the Government, or the enforcement by the Government of any process for the recovery, of land-revenue or any sum recoverable as an arrear of land-revenue;
- (xv) any claim to set aside, on any ground other than fraud, a sale for the recovery of an arrear of land-revenue or any sum recoverable as an arrear of land-revenue;
- (xvi) the amount of, or the liability of any person to pay, any fees, fines, costs or other charges imposed under this Act;
- (xvii) any claim for partition of an estate, holding or tenancy, or any question connected with, or arising out of, proceedings for partition, not being a question as to title in any of the property of which partition is sought;
- (xviii) any question as to the allotment of land on the partition of an estate, holding or tenancy, or as to the distribution of land subject by established custom to periodical re-distribution, or as to the distribution of land-revenue on the partition of an estate or holding or on a periodical re-distribution of land, or as to the distribution of rent on the partition of a tenancy;
- (xix) any claim to set aside or disturb a division or appraisement of produce confirmed or varied by a Revenue-officer under this Act;
- (xx) any question relating to the preparation of a list of village-cesses or the imposition by the Local Government of conditions on the collection of such cesses;
- (xxi) any proceeding under this Act for the commutation of the dues of a superior land-owner;
- (xxii) any claim arising out of the enforcement of an agreement to render public services in lieu of paying land-revenue; or
- \* (xxiii) any claim arising out of the liability of an assignee of land-revenue to pay a

share of the cost of collecting or re-assessing such revenue, or arising out of the liability of an assignee to pay out of assigned land-revenue, or of a person who would be liable for land-revenue if it had not been released, compounded for or redeemed to pay on the land-revenue for which he would but for such release, composition or redemption be liable, such a percentage for the remuneration of a zail-dar, inamdar or village-officer as may be prescribed by rules for the time being in force under this Act.

THE SCHEDULE.

(See section 2.)

ENACTMENTS REPEALED.

Number and year.	Title or subject of enactment.	Extent of repeal.
1	2	3
Act XXI of 1836.	Creation of new Zilas.	So much as has not been repealed.
Act VI of 1867.	To enable the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab to alter the limits of existing districts in any part of the territories under his government.	The whole.
Act VII of 1870.	The Court-fees Act, 1870.	In section 20, clause (d), the words "and Revenue" and the whole of section 23.
Act XXXIII of 1871.	The Punjab Land revenue Act, 1871.	The whole.
Act IV of 1872.	The Punjab Laws Act, 1872.	Section 21.
Act XVIII of 1881.	The Punjab Courts Act, 1881.	Chapter VI.
Regulation I of 1872.	The Punjab Frontier Regulation, 1872.	Rules 26 to 40 (both inclusive), comprising sections G, H, I and K of the Hazara Settlement Rules.

S. HARVEY JAMES,

Secretary to the Government of India

The following further Report of the Select Committee on the Bill to amend and declare the Land-revenue Law of the Punjab was presented to the Council of the Governor-General of India for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations on the 7th September, 1887:

We, the undersigned, Members of the Select Committee to which the Bill to amend and declare the Land-revenue Law of the Punjab was re-committed, have re-considered the Bill, and have now the honour to submit this further Report. The alterations which we have made are indicated in italics in the revised Bill annexed to this Report.

2. Having regard to the close connection between the subject-matter of this Bill and that of the Punjab Tenancy Bill, we consider it advisable to assign to the words "rent", "tenancy", "landlord" and "tenancy" in this Bill the meanings which they respectively have in the other Bill.



3. We have inserted in the proviso to section 16 words which bring the proviso substantially into accord with sub-sections (5) and (6) of section 84 of the Tenancy Bill as amended by us.

4. In section 117, sub-section (2), we have provided for the determination, by the Revenue-officer as a Revenue Court, of certain questions within the jurisdiction of a Revenue Court which may arise in proceedings for the partition of a tenancy in which a right of occupancy subsists.

5. To section 150 we have added a sub-section to the effect that the proceedings of a Revenue-officer for the prevention of encroachment on common lands are to be subject to any decree or order which may be subsequently passed by any Court of competent jurisdiction.

6. In section 158 we have inserted a clause specially excluding from the jurisdiction of Civil Courts questions relating to village-cesses.

7. The other amendments are not such as to call for remark.

8. The Bill (No. II) and Report were published in English in the Gazette of India of the 30th July, 1887, and in the Punjab Government Gazette of the 4th August, 1887, and are to be published in Urdu in the Punjab Urdu Gazette of the 8th instant.

9. The Bill has not, in our opinion, been so altered as to require re-publication, and we recommend that it be passed as amended by us.

*The 7th September, 1887.*

E. G. WAGE.

ANDREW R. SCOBLE.

J. B. PEILE.

J. W. QUINTON.

S. HARVEY JAMES,  
*Secretary to the Government of India.*



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.  
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The following Act of the Governor-General of India in Council received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the 23rd September, 1887, and is hereby promulgated for general information:

ACT NO. XVIII OF 1887.

THE ALLAHABAD UNIVERSITY  
ACT, 1887.

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*An Act to establish a University at Allahabad.*

WHEREAS it has been determined to establish a University at Allahabad; it is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Allahabad University Act, 1887; and

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. (1) A University shall be established at Allahabad, and the Governor-General for the time being shall be the Patron of the University.

(2) The University shall consist of a Chancellor, a Vice-Chancellor and such number of Fellows as may be determined in manner hereinafter provided.

(3) The University shall be a body corporate by the name of the University of Allahabad, having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to acquire and hold property, moveable or immovable, to transfer the same, to contract, and to do all other things necessary for or incidental to the purposes of its constitution.

(4) The University shall come into existence on such day as the Local Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint in this behalf.

3. The Lieutenant-Governor of the North-Western Provinces for the time being shall be the Chancellor of the University, and the first Chancellor shall be the Honourable Sir Alfred Comyns Lyall, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire.

4. (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be such one of the Fellows as the Chancellor may from time to time appoint in this behalf.

(2) Except as provided in sub-sections (3) and (4), he shall hold office for two years from the date of his appointment, and on the expiration of his term of office may be re-appointed.

(3) If a Vice-Chancellor leaves India he shall thereupon cease to be Vice-Chancellor unless the Chancellor otherwise directs.

(4) The Hon'ble Sir John Edge, Knight, Queen's Counsel, Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature for the North-Western Provinces, shall be deemed to have been appointed the first Vice-Chancellor, and his term of office



shall, subject to the provisions of sub-section (7), expire on the last day of December, 1889.

5. (1) The following persons shall be Fellows, namely:—

- (a) all persons for the time being holding such offices under the Government as the Local Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify in this behalf;
- (b) persons whom the Chancellor may from time to time appoint by name as being eminent benefactors of the University, or persons distinguished for attainments in Literature, Science or Art, or for services to the cause of education; and
- (c) such persons as may from time to time be elected by the Senate of the University and approved by the Chancellor:

Provided that—

- (i) the whole number of the Fellows holding office under clauses (a), (b) and (c), exclusive of the Vice-Chancellor, shall not be less than thirty; and
  - (ii) the number of persons for the time being elected and approved under clause (c) shall not exceed the number for the time being appointed under clause (b).
- (2) A person appointed under clause (b), or elected and approved under clause (c), of sub-section (1) shall not, by succeeding to an office notified under clause (a) of that sub-section, cease to be a Fellow under clause (b) or clause (c) thereof, as the case may be.

6. (1) The offices specified in Part I of the First Fellows. schedule shall be deemed to have been specified in a notification issued under section 5, sub-section (1), clause (a); and

(2) The persons named in Part II of the schedule shall, except for the purposes of the second clause of the proviso to section 5, sub-section (1), be deemed to be Fellows appointed under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 5, or elected and approved under clause (c) of that sub-section.

7. (1) The Local Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, cancel or amend any portion of Part I of the schedule or any notification under section 5, sub-section (1), clause (a).  
Vacation of office of Fellow.

(2) The Chancellor may, with the consent of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Senate present at a meeting specially convened for the purpose, remove any Fellow appointed under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 5 or elected and approved under clause (c) of that sub-section.

(3) If any Fellow leaves India without the intention of returning thereto, or is absent from India for more than four years, he shall thereupon cease to be a Fellow.

8. Every person who has filled the office of Patron or Chancellor shall be an honorary Fellow of the University, but shall not be a member of the Senate.  
Honorary Fellows.

9. (1) The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Fellows for the time being shall form the Senate of the University.  
Constitution and powers of Senate.

(2) The Senate shall have the entire management of, and superintendence over, the affairs, concerns and property of the University, and shall provide for that management and exercise that superintendence in accordance with the rules for the time being in force under this Act.

10. At every meeting of the Senate the Chancellor, or, in his absence, the Vice-Chancellor, or, in the absence of both, a Fellow chosen by the Fellows present at the meeting or by a majority of them, shall preside as Chairman.  
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11. (1) When a question respecting the election of any person to be a Fellow under section 5, sub-section (1), clause (c), comes before the Senate at a meeting, it shall be decided by a majority of the votes given thereat by the members in person or by proxy.  
Proceedings at meetings of Senate.

(2) Every other question which comes before the Senate at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

(3) No question shall be decided at any such meeting unless ten members at the least, besides the Chairman, are present at the time of the decision.

(4) The Chairman and, subject to the foregoing provisions of this section respecting the mode of voting, every Fellow shall have one vote, and the Chairman, in case of an equality of votes, shall have a second or casting vote.

12. Subject to the rules for the time being in force under this Act, the Senate may from time to time—  
Appointment of Syndicate, Faculties, examiners and officers.

(1) appoint, or provide for the appointment of, a Syndicate from among the members of the Senate;

(2) constitute Faculties of Arts and Law and, with the previous approval of the Governor General in Council, of Science, Engineering and Medicine;

(3) appoint, suspend and remove, or provide for the appointment, suspension and removal of, examiners, officers and servants of the University;

(4) appoint, or provide for the appointment of, professors and lecturers, and suspend and remove, or provide for the suspension and removal of, professors and lecturers appointed by the Senate.

13. (1) The Syndicate shall be the executive committee of the Senate, and may discharge such functions of the Senate as it may be empowered to discharge by the rules for the time being in force under this Act.  
Functions and proceedings of Syndicate.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be a member of the Syndicate and shall preside as Chairman at every meeting of the Syndicate at which he is present.

(3) If the Vice-Chancellor is absent from any such meeting, the members present shall choose



one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.

(4) Every question at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

(5) In case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

14. Subject to the rules for the time being in force under this Act, the Senate may confer on persons who have passed such examinations in the University and fulfilled such other conditions as may be prescribed under this Act—

(a) in the Faculty of Arts, the degrees of Bachelor and Master of Arts;

(b) in the Faculty of Law, the degrees of Bachelor and Doctor of Laws;

and, if empowered by the Governor General in Council in this behalf,—

(c) in the Faculty of Science, the degrees of Bachelor and Doctor of Science;

(d) in the Faculty of Medicine, the degrees of Bachelor and Doctor of Medicine;

(e) in the Faculty of Engineering, the degrees of Bachelor and Master of Civil Engineering.

15. If the Vice-Chancellor and not less than two-thirds of the other members of the Syndicate

recommend that an honorary degree be conferred on any person, on the ground that he is, in their opinion, by reason of eminent position and attainments, a fit and proper person to receive such degree, and their recommendation is supported by a majority of the members present at a meeting of the Senate and is confirmed by the Chancellor, the Chancellor may, on behalf of the Senate, confer on that person the degree of Doctor of Laws without requiring him to undergo any examination.

16. (1) The Senate may charge such reasonable fees for entrance into the University and continuance therein, for admission to the examinations of the University, for attendance at any lectures or classes in connection with the University, and for the degrees to be conferred by the University, as may be imposed by the rules for the time being in force under this Act.

(2) Such fees shall be carried to a General Fee Fund for the payment of expenses of the University.

17. (1) The Senate shall as soon as may be after the coming into existence of the University, and may from time to time thereafter, make rules consistent with this Act touching—

(a) the mode and time of convening the meetings of the Senate and of transacting business thereat;

(b) the appointment, constitution and duties of the Syndicate and the Faculties, and the election of Fellows under section 5, sub-section (1), clause (c);

(c) the appointment, suspension, removal, duties and remuneration of examiners, officers and servants;

(d) the appointment, duties and remuneration of professors and lecturers, and the suspension and removal of professors and lecturers appointed by the Senate;

(e) the previous course of instruction to be followed by candidates for the examinations of the University;

(f) the examinations to be passed and the other conditions to be fulfilled by candidates for degrees; and,

(g) generally, all matters regarding the University.

(2) All such rules shall be reduced into writing and sealed with the common seal of the University, and shall,—

(a) in the case of rules made under clause (c) or clause (f) of sub-section (1), after they have been confirmed by the Local Government and sanctioned by the Governor General in Council; and,

(b) in the case of all other rules, after they have been sanctioned by the Local Government,

be binding on all members of the University or persons admitted thereto and on all candidates for degrees.

(3) If, on the expiration of eighteen months from the date on which the University comes into existence, rules have not been made and sanctioned or, as the case may be, have not been made, confirmed and sanctioned, under the foregoing provisions of this section, touching a matter mentioned in sub-section (1), the Local Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make such rules touching that matter as it thinks fit.

(4) Subject, in the case of rules touching any matter mentioned in clause (c) or clause (f) of sub-section (1), to the sanction of the Governor General in Council, rules made by the Local Government under sub-section (2) shall be deemed to have been made and sanctioned, or, as the case may be, to have been made, confirmed and sanctioned, under sub-sections (1) and (2).

18. (1) Every examiner, officer or servant appointed or remunerated by the Senate shall, for the purposes of the Indian Penal Code, be deemed to be a public servant.

(2) The word "Government" in the definition of "legal remuneration" in section 161 of that Code shall, for the purposes of sub-section (1), be deemed to include the Senate, and sections 162 and 163 of the Code shall be construed as if the words "or with any member of the Senate of the Allahabad University" were inserted after the words "with any Lieutenant-Governor".

19. It shall be the duty of the Local Government to require that the proceedings of the University shall be in conformity with this Act and the rules for the time being in force thereunder, and the Local Government may exercise all powers necessary for giving effect to its requisitions in this behalf, and may, among other things, annul, by a notification in the official Gazette, any such



proceeding which is not in conformity with this Act and those rules.

20. All appointments made under section 4, all appointments made and elections approved under section 5, sub-section (1), clauses (b) and (c), all degrees conferred under sections 14 and 15, and all rules made under section 17, shall be notified in the local official Gazette.

21. (1) The accounts of the income and expenditure of the University shall be submitted once in every year to the Local Government for such examination and audit as that Government may direct.

(2) For the purposes of the examination and audit the auditor appointed by the Local Government may by letter require the production before him of any books, vouchers and other documents which he deems necessary, and may require any person holding or accountable for any such books, vouchers or documents to appear before him at the examination and audit or adjournment thereof and to answer all questions which may be put to him with respect thereto or to prepare and submit any further statement which the auditor considers necessary in explanation thereof.

(3) Any person who in the absence of reasonable excuse, the burden of proving which shall lie upon him, refuses or neglects to comply with a requisition under sub-section (2) shall be punished for every such refusal or neglect with fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

(4) When the auditor has completed the examination and audit he shall report the result thereof to the Local Government, and that Government may thereupon disallow any payment made contrary to law and surcharge it on the person making or authorising the making of the illegal payment.

(5) If the amount of a payment so surcharged is not paid, as the Local Government directs, within fourteen days after demand being made therefor, the Secretary of State for India in Council may proceed by suit in any Court of competent jurisdiction to recover the amount from the person on whom the surcharge was made.

#### THE SCHEDULE.

(See section 6.)

##### PART I.

Offices to be deemed to have been specified under section 5, sub-section (1), clause (a) :—

The office of—

Bishop of Calcutta;

Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature for the North-Western Provinces;

Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces;

Agent to the Governor General in Rajputana;

Chief Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh;

Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh in the Public Works Department;

Commissioner of Allahabad;

Commissioner of Lucknow;

Commissioner of Agra;

Director of Public Instruction, North-Western Provinces and Oudh;

Principal of the Muir Central College, Allahabad;

Principal of the Queen's College, Benares.

##### PART II.

Persons to be deemed to have been appointed, or to have been elected and approved, as Fellows under section 5, sub-section (1), clause (b) or clause (c) :—

1. The Hon'ble James Wallace Quinton, Bachelor of Arts, Bengal Civil Service, Member of the Board of Revenue of the North-Western Provinces, Companion of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Fellow of the Calcutta University, Additional Member of the Council of the Governor General for making Laws and Regulations, Member of the Council of the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh for making Laws and Regulations.

2. The Hon'ble William Tyrrell, Bachelor of Arts, Bengal Civil Service, Judge of the High Court of Judicature for the North-Western Provinces.

3. The Hon'ble Syed Ahmed, Khan Bahadur, Companion of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Fellow of the Calcutta University, Member of the Council of the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh for making Laws and Regulations.

4. The Hon'ble Syed Mahmud, Barrister-at-Law, Judge of the High Court of Judicature for the North-Western Provinces.

5. The Hon'ble Pandit Ajudhya Nath, Member of the Council of the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh for making Laws and Regulations.

6. Lieutenant-Colonel John Greenlaw Forbes, of the Royal Engineers, Fellow of the Calcutta University, Joint Secretary to Government, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, in the Public Works Department.

7. Surgeon-Major James Cleghorn, Doctor in Medicine, Civil Surgeon, Lucknow.

8. Rājā Shīva Prasāda, Companion of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India.

9. Mortimer Sloper Howell, Esquire, Bengal Civil Service, District Judge, North-Western Provinces, Companion of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Fellow of the Calcutta University.

10. Rājā Jai Kishan Das, Bahadur, Deputy Collector, North-Western Provinces, Companion of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Fellow of the Calcutta University.

11. Rājā Udai Pratab Singh, Taluqdār of Bhinga in the Bahraich District.

12. Brigade-Surgeon Emanuel Bonavia, Doctor in Medicine, Civil Surgeon, Benares.



13. Mahamahopadhyaya Bapu Deva Shastri, Sanskrit College, Benares, Companion of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire.

14. John C. Nesfield, Esquire, Master of Arts, Inspector of Schools, Oudh Division.

15. Kenneth Deighton, Esquire, Bachelor of Arts, Inspector of Schools, Rohilkhand Division.

16. William Charles Bennett, Esquire, Bengal Civil Service, Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh.

17. Michael J. White, Esquire, Master of Arts, Principal, Canning College, Lucknow.

18. Alexander Thomson, Esquire, Principal, Agra College.

19. Bábú Pramoda Das Mitra, Honorary Magistrate, Benares.

20. Charles H. Hill, Esquire, Barrister at-Law, Allahabad.

21. William M. Wright, Esquire, Bachelor of Arts, Professor of English Literature, Muir Central College, Allahabad.

22. W. N. Boutflower, Esquire, Bachelor of Arts, Professor of Mathematics, Muir Central College, Allahabad.

23. Shams-ul-Ulama Maulavi Zaka-ulla, Khan Bahadur, *Emeritus* Professor of Arabic, Muir Central College, Allahabad.

24. Samuel Alexander Hill, Esquire, Bachelor in Science, Professor of Physical Science, Muir Central College, Allahabad, and Meteorological Reporter to the Government.

25. The Reverend John Hewlett, Master of Arts, Principal, London Mission College, Benares.

26. Pandit Lakshmi Shankar Misra, Master of Arts, Professor of Physical Science, Benares College.

27. Theodore Beck, Esquire, Bachelor of Arts, Principal, Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College, Aligarh.

28. Pandit Aditya Rám Bhattacharya, Master of Arts, Professor of Sanskrit, Muir Central College, Allahabad.

29. Munshi Newal Kishore, Lucknow.

30. Bábú Bireshwar Mitra, Professor of Law, Benares College.

31. Lala Mukand Lal, Rae Bahadur, Honorary Assistant Surgeon to the Viceroy, Lecturer, Medical College, Agra.

32. Bábú Ram Saran Das, Master of Arts, Fyzabad.

S. HARVEY JAMES,

Secretary to the Government of India.

The following Report of the Select Committee on the Bill to establish a University at Allahabad was presented to the Council of the Governor-General of India for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations on the 14th September, 1887:

We, the undersigned, Members of the Select Committee to which the Bill to establish a University at Allahabad was referred, have considered the Bill and the papers noted in the margin, and have now the honour to submit this our Report with the Bill as revised by us annexed thereto.

1. *Section 5, sub-section (1).*—We have removed from clause (a) the words appointing ex-Chancellors to be Fellows. We consider it sufficient that persons who have held the office of Chancellor should be honorary Fellows, and we have added to the Bill a section (section 8) to that effect.

2. *Section 11.*—We have provided that votes on the election of Fellows may be given by proxy.

3. *Sections 12 and 14.*—We have provided that Faculties of Science and Engineering are not to be constituted without the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, and that the University may confer degrees in the Faculty of Law without being specially empowered by the Governor-General in Council in that behalf.

4. *Section 21.*—We have provided for the audit of the accounts submitted to the Local Government and for the disallowance and surcharge of illegal payments.

5. *Schedule.*—We have added to the list of offices in Part I the offices of Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces and Agent to the Governor-General in Rajputana.

6. The other amendments are not such as to call for remark.

7. The publication ordered by the Council has been made as follows:—

Gazette.		In English.		Date.	
Gazette of India					
North-Western Provinces and Oudh Government Gazette				11th June, 1887.	
				18th June, 1887.	
Province.		In the Vernacular Language.		Date.	
North-Western Provinces and Oudh		Urdu		16th July, 1887.	

8. The Bill has not, in our opinion, been so altered as to require re-publication, and we recommend that it be passed as amended by us.

J. W. QUINTON.  
ANDREW R. SCOBLE.  
J. B. PEILE.  
J. WESTLAND.  
E. G. WACE.

S. HARVEY JAMES,  
Secretary to the Government of India.



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.  
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The following Act of the Governor-General of India in Council received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the 23rd September, 1887, and is hereby promulgated for general information:

ACT NO. XIX OF 1887.

*An Act to provide for the Administration of the Estate of His late Majesty the King of Oudh.*

WHEREAS His late Majesty Wajid Ali Shah, King of Oudh, was during his lifetime exempt from the jurisdiction of the Civil Courts, and it is expedient to make provision for the administration of his estate otherwise than under the authority of those Courts; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) The Governor General in Council shall have exclusive authority to act in the administration of the property of whatever nature left by His late Majesty the King of Oudh in regard to the settlement and satisfaction of claims against the estate of His late Majesty, and may make distribution of the remaining property or the proceeds thereof in

such manner as he deems fit among the family and dependents of His late Majesty.

(2) No act of the Governor General in Council in connection with the administration or distribution of the property left by His late Majesty shall be liable to be questioned in any Court.

2. The Agent to the Governor General with Indemnity to Agent His late Majesty, and all to the Governor General persons acting under his orders, are hereby indemnified and discharged from liability in respect of all acts done by him or them since the twentieth day of September, 1887, in connection with the preservation and administration of the estate of His late Majesty, and no suit or other proceeding shall be instituted in any Court against him or them, or against the Secretary of State for India in Council, in respect of those acts or any of them.

3. This Act shall take effect notwithstanding any testamentary or other disposition which may have been made by His late Majesty, and notwithstanding any proceedings which may have been or may be instituted before any Civil Court for administering his estate or collecting the debts due to it, and any person who under any probate, letters of administration or certificate, or otherwise howsoever, has received or realised any portion of the estate of His late Majesty shall be bound to account therefor to such officer as the Governor General in Council may appoint in this behalf.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

As regard must be had in the administration of the estate of His late Majesty the King of Oudh to political considerations by which an executor or administrator under the ordinary law could not be guided, and as the winding-up of the estate will include the closing of the large establishment at Garden Reach, it is considered necessary to follow the precedent created by Act XVIII of 1848 in the case of the Nawab of Surat, and to confer upon the Government exclusive authority to act in the administration of the property of His late Majesty.

The object of this Bill is to confer that authority on the Governor-General in Council.

*The 22nd September, 1887.*

ANDREW R. SCOBLE.

S. HARVEY JAMES,  
*Secretary to the Government of India.*





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## PART IV.

Acts of the Governor General's Council assented to by the Governor General.

### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

#### LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The following Act of the Governor-General of India in Council received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the 21st October, 1887, and is hereby promulgated for general information:

#### ACT NO. XX OF 1887.

##### *An Act for the Protection of Wild Birds and Game.*

WHEREAS municipal authorities in different parts of British India have from time to time made rules for the protection of birds and other game;

And whereas it is expedient that Local Governments and cantonment-authorities as well as municipal authorities should be empowered to make such rules;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) This Act shall be called the Wild Birds and Game Protection Act, 1887.  
Title, extent and commencement.

(2) It extends to the whole of British India, and

(3) It shall come into force at once.

Definitions. 2. In this Act—

(1) "municipal authority" means the corporation, commissioner, committee, board, council or person having authority over a municipality under any enactment for the time being in force;

(2) "cantonment-authority" means a cantonment-committee or, in the case of a cantonment for which such a committee has not been constituted, the commanding officer of the cantonment; and

(3) "wild bird" includes a peacock and every kind of game.

3. (1) The Local Government with respect to any municipality or cantonment within the territories under its administration, or the municipal authority or cantonment-authority of any municipality or cantonment, may from time to time make rules:—

(a) defining the expression "wild bird" for the purposes of this Act in its application to the municipality or cantonment;

(b) defining for those purposes the breeding season of any kind of wild bird; and

(c) prohibiting, subject to such exceptions and conditions as may be prescribed by the rules, the possession or sale during its breeding season within the municipality or cantonment of any kind of wild bird recently killed or taken, or the importation into the municipality or cantonment of the plumage of any kind of wild bird during such season.

(2) The authority making a rule under clause (c) of sub-section (1) may direct that a breach of it shall be punishable with fine which may extend, in the case of a first offence, to five rupees for every wild bird in respect of which or of the plumage whereof the breach of the rule has been committed, and, in the case of a subsequent offence, to ten rupees in respect of every such bird or plumage.

(3) A Court convicting any person of a breach of any such rule may order the confiscation of any wild bird or plumage in respect of which the breach was committed.

(4) The power to make rules under this section is subject to the condition of the rules being made after previous publication and, in the case of rules made by a municipal authority or cantonment-authority, to the further condition of the rules being confirmed by the Local Government before they are published in the official Gazette under clause (5) of section 6 of the General Clauses Act, 1887.



4. The Local Government, of its own motion or Power to apply Act on the application of any to any animals of game. municipal authority or cantonment-authority, may, by notification in the official Gazette, declare the provisions of the last foregoing section with respect to wild birds to apply to any animals of game other than birds,

and thereupon those provisions shall apply to such animals and their furs in like manner as they apply to wild birds and their plumage.

J. M. MACPHERSON,

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

The following Report of the Select Committee on the Bill for the Protection of Wild Birds and Game was presented to the Council of the Governor-General of India for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations on the 6th October, 1887:

We, the undersigned, Members of the Select Committee to which the Bill for the

Memoranda by Mr. P. R. Doshi, Pleader, District Court, Tanam, dated 25th June, 1887 [Paper No. 1].

From Registrar, High Court, Calcutta, No. 1470, dated 24th July, 1887 [Paper No. 2].

From Chief Commissioner, Ajmere-Merwara, No. 878-890, dated 27th July, 1887 [Paper No. 3].

From Secretary to Chief Commissioner, Coorg, No. 1308-1307, dated 29th July, 1887 [Paper No. 4].

From Secretary for Berar to Resident, Hyderabad, No. 282 G., dated 26th July, 1887, and enclosures [Papers No. 5].

From Secretary to Government, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 951-XII-356 A., dated 24th July, 1887, and enclosures [Papers No. 6].

From Acting Under-Secretary to Government, Bombay, No. 4408, dated 30th July, 1887, and enclosures [Papers No. 7].

Note by the Honble Bhai Sir Shankar Baksh Singh, Bahadur, K. C. I. C., dated 7th July, 1887 [Paper No. 8].

From Officiating Under-Secretary to Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, No. 3930-176, dated 6th August, 1887 [Paper No. 9].

From Officiating Secretary to Government, Bengal, No. 2372-425 For., dated 6th August, 1887, and enclosures [Papers No. 10].

From Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, No. 1709, dated 3rd August, 1887, and enclosures [Papers No. 11].

From Secretary to Chief Commissioner, Burma, No. 343-18 L., dated 16th August, 1887 [Paper No. 12].

From Secretary to Chief Commissioner, Assam, No. 1851, dated 7th September, 1887, and enclosures [Papers No. 13].

From Secretary to Government, Punjab, No. 216 S., dated 8th September, 1887, and enclosures [Papers No. 14].

Protection of Game was referred, have considered the Bill and the papers noted in the margin, and have now the honour to submit this our Report.

2. We propose that the title of the proposed Act be the Wild Birds Protection Act, but we have empowered Local Governments to apply its provisions to animals of game other than birds.

3. We have proposed that an enhanced penalty may be imposed on any second or subsequent conviction for a breach of rules under the Act, and that any animal in respect of which a breach of those rules has been committed may be confiscated.

4. We have also required proposed rules to be published before they are made.

5. The publication ordered by the Council has been made as follows:—

Gazette.	In English.	Date.
Gazette of India	...	11th June, 1887.
Fort Saint George Gazette	...	5th July, 1887.
Bombay Government Gazette	...	18th June, 1887.
Calcutta Gazette	...	22nd June, 1887.
North-Western Provinces and Oudh Government Gazette	...	18th June, 1887.
Punjab Government Gazette	...	16th June, 1887.
Central Provinces Gazette	...	25th June, 1887.
Burma Gazette	...	2nd July, 1887.
Assam Gazette	...	2nd July, 1887.
Coorg District Gazette	...	1st July, 1887.

Province.	Language.	Date.
Bombay	Marathi	21st July, 1887.
	Gujarathi	14th July, 1887.
	Kanarese	21st July, 1887.
Bengal	Bengali	6th July, 1887.
	Hindi	5th July, 1887.
	Urdu	7th July, 1887.
North-Western Provinces and Oudh	Urdu	9th July, 1887.
Punjab	Urdu	7th July, 1887.
Burma	Burmese	16th July, 1887.

6. We do not think that the measure has been so altered as to require re-publication, and we recommend that it be passed as now amended.

J. B. PHILE.

G. CHESNEY.

ANDREW R. SCOBLE.

J. W. QUINTON.

The 6th October, 1887.

J. M. MACPHERSON,

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The following Act of the Governor-General of India in Council received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the 21st October, 1887, and is hereby promulgated for general information:

ACT NO. XXI OF 1887.

*Act to provide for the establishment of bonded warehouses at places other than customs-ports.*

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of bonded warehouses at places other than customs-ports; It is hereby enacted follows:—

I. (1) This Act may be called the Inland Bonded Warehouses Act, 1887.

(2) It shall be read with, and taken as part of, the Sea Customs Act, 1878: and

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. (1) Notwithstanding anything in the Sea Customs Act, 1878, the Chief Customs-authority may from time to time, with the previous sanction of the Local Government, appoint a public or license a private warehouse at any place which is not a warehousing port, and may with the like sanction cancel such appointment or license.

(2) In reference to such a place and the warehouse appointed or licensed thereat the provisions of the said Act with respect to the levy of customs-duties on goods brought in land from one customs-port to another, and with respect to warehousing, shall be construed as if the place were a customs-port and a warehousing port, and the warehouse a public or a private warehouse, as the case may be, appointed or licensed thereat under that Act.

J. M. MACPHERSON,

Offy. Secretary to the Government of India.

The following Report of the Select Committee on the Bill to provide for the establishment of bonded warehouses at places other than customs-ports was presented to the Council of the Governor-General of India for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations on the 6th October, 1887:

We, the undersigned, Members of the Select Committee to which the Bill to provide

for the establishment of bonded warehouses at places other than customs-ports was referred, have considered the Bill and the papers noted in the margin, and have now the honour to submit this our Report.

1. From Secretary to Chief Commissioner, Burma, Nos. 365—25 C. Dated 16th August, 1887 [Paper No. 1].  
2. From Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Bombay, No. 5958, dated 3rd September, 1887 [Paper No. 2].  
3. From Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, No. 1981, dated 31st August, 1887, and enclosures [Papers No. 3].  
4. From Secretary to Government, Bengal, No. 3427, dated 9th September, 1887, and enclosures [Papers No. 4].  
5. Endorsement by Government, Madras, No. 3115, dated 14th September, 1887, and enclosures [Papers No. 5].

2. The Bill is approved by the authorities to whom it was referred for opinion and we recommend that it be passed.

3. The publication ordered by the Council has been made as follows:—

In English.

Gazette.	Date.
Gazette of India	16th July, 1887.
Port Blair George Gazette	16th August, 1887.
Bombay Government Gazette	4th August, 1887.
Calcutta Gazette	27th July, 1887.
Burma Gazette	6th August, 1887.



*In the Vernaculars.*

<i>Province.</i>	<i>Language.</i>	<i>Date.</i>
Bombay	Maráthi	25th August, 1887.
	Gujaráthi	18th August, 1887.
	Kanarese	25th August, 1887.
	Sindhi	18th August, 1887.
Bengal	Bengali	9th August, 1887.
	Hindi	23rd August, 1887.
	Uriya	11th August, 1887.

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*The 6th October, 1887.*

J. M. MACPHERSON,  
*Offg. Secretary to the Government of India*